



House GOP campaign arm targeted by 'unknown entity' in 2018

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of emails were stolen from aides to the National Republican Congressional Committee during the 2018 midterm campaign, a major breach exposing vulnerabilities that have kept cybersecurity experts on edge since the 2016 presidential race.

The email accounts were compromised during a series of intrusions that had been spread over several months and discovered in April, a person familiar with the matter told The Associated Press. At least four different party aides had their emails surveilled by hackers, said the person, who was not authorized to discuss the details publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

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Trump task force recommends ways to boost Postal Service

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A

task force created by President Donald Trump to evaluate ways to stem billions of dollars in losses at the U.S. Postal Service suggested a range of options Tuesday, including proposals that could significantly boost the cost of sending non-essential mail.

The report recommended that the Postal Service develop a new pricing model that would remove current price caps and charge market-based prices for mail and packages that were not deemed to be "essential postal services."

That recommendation could raise costs for Amazon and other major businesses that are currently



In this Dec. 14, 2017, file photo, boxes for sorted mail are stacked at the main post office in Omaha, Neb.

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using the Postal Service to supplement their delivery operations.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the report "contains achievable recommendations."

"The USPS is on an unsustainable financial path which poses significant financial risk to American taxpayers," Mnuchin said in a statement.

He said the task force review ordered by Trump last April had produced recommendations that would "fulfill the president's goal of placing the USPS on a path to sustainability."

The president ordered creation of the task force, which was overseen by Mnuchin, last April after complaining that the Postal Service was not charging big users like Amazon enough to handle its shipments.

"Only fools, or worse, are saying that our money losing Post Office makes money with Amazon," Trump tweeted in April.

Since taking office, Trump

has often criticized Amazon and the head of the company, Jeff Bezos, who also owns The Washington Post.

The report found that the Postal Service is not correctly assessing the costs it incurs in delivering packages for companies like Amazon, but it did not make a finding that it was losing money in its dealings with Amazon.

Online retailers Amazon and eBay participated in the report, according to the task force. In a statement, eBay said it is a "long standing partner of the United States Postal Service" and its "small business sellers rely on USPS to reach their customers." Amazon did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Postmaster General Megan Brennan said in a statement that the focus needs to be on achieving the legislative and regulatory reforms that are urgently needed to reduce costs and allow the Postal Service to "function with greater flexibility to

adapt to a dynamic marketplace."

Mark Dimondstein, president of the American Postal Workers Union, charged that many of the recommendations in the report were based on "myth and misinformation" and that instead of improving mail services "would deliver higher prices and less service to the public."

In regard to charging more for non-essential postal services, officials who briefed reporters said person-to-person mail and person-to-person packages would be considered essential postal services and would be exempt from the higher rates that would be levied on non-essential mail.

Another recommendation would be to clearly define the Postal Service's "Universal Service Obligations," which would spell out the types of mail and packages for which a strong rationale existed for government support of deliveries. The report said that between 2007 and 2018, the Postal Service had experienced net losses totaling \$69 billion, with the Postal Service expected to lose tens of billions of dollars over the next decade.

"The USPS's business model — including its governance, product pricing, cost allocation and labor practices — must be updated in light of its current operating realities," the report said.

Last month, the Postal Service reported a financial loss for the 12th straight year, citing declines in mail volume and the costs of its pension and health care obligations. Brennan said then that Congress needed to give the Postal Service more flexibility to increase prices so it can return to profitability. □

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The committee said an "unknown entity" was behind the hack but provided few other details. A cybersecurity firm and the FBI have been investigating the matter, the committee said. The FBI declined to comment.

Politically motivated cyberespionage is commonplace across the world, but Americans have become particularly alert to the possibility of digital interference since Russia's meddling in the 2016 election. The theft of Democrats' emails is still fresh in the minds of many political operatives and lawmakers, who have stepped up defensive measures but still struggle to protect themselves.

Foreign spies routinely try to hack into politicians' emails to gain insight, ferret out weaknesses and win a diplomatic edge. But hackers often launch sweeping spear-phishing campaigns to gain access to a variety of accounts — with no political motivation. With no immediate suspects and few technical details, it's unclear what the significance of this latest incursion is.

In August, the Democratic National Committee thought it had thwarted an attempt to break into its massive voter database — but the effort turned out to be unauthorized test that mimicked what an attack would look like.

CrowdStrike, a California-based cybersecurity company, said Tuesday the NRCC asked the company in April to "perform an investigation related to unauthorized access" to the committee's emails. Before

that, the company had been helping the committee protect its internal corporate network, which wasn't compromised.

"The cybersecurity of the committee's data is paramount, and upon learning of the intrusion, the NRCC immediately launched an internal investigation and notified the FBI, which is now investigating the matter," the committee said in a statement. The hack was first reported by Politico.

Earlier this year, NRCC Chairman Steve Stivers said the committee — which raises money to support Republican candidates for the House — hired multiple cybersecurity staffers to work with its candidates and promised to do more.

"We're starting to advise campaigns, but we're not ready to roll the whole thing out. We're working on it," Stivers said in March. "We're working on the technology-based stuff to try and make sure that we know what's out there — which is hard, too — and then we try to defend against it the best we can."

During the 2016 presidential campaign, Russian state-aligned hackers organized the leak of more than 150,000 emails stolen from more than a dozen Democrats. The FBI later said that the Russians had targeted more than 300 people affiliated with the Hillary Clinton campaign and other Democratic institutions over the course of the presidential contest.

Special counsel Robert Mueller is now investigating the whether people close to Donald Trump's presidential campaign had advance knowledge of

WikiLeaks' plans.

U.S. officials have expressed concern about foreign interference in U.S. elections. This weekend, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis accused Russia of trying to "muck around" in the November midterm elections. Mattis did not offer specifics and would not

elaborate. In October, the Justice Department unsealed criminal charges detailing a yearslong effort by a Russian troll farm to "sow division and discord in the U.S. political system" by creating thousands of false social media profiles and email accounts that appeared to be from people

inside the United States. The complaint provided a clear picture that there is still a hidden but powerful Russian social media effort aimed at spreading distrust for American political candidates and causing divisions on social issues such as immigration and gun control. □

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Flint officials say milestone reached in lead line work

By JEFF KAROUB
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Flint officials said Tuesday they are a year ahead of schedule in tackling a court-mandated order to deal with lead service lines as the Michigan city recovers from its contaminated water crisis, but an environmental group that sued to make changes disputes the accomplishment.

The city said it's checked more than 18,000 service lines, and replaced 7,700. Mayor Karen Weaver said at a news conference there are between 10,000 and 12,000 more to check and officials have dealt with those deemed the highest priority.

Weaver said "this is a huge step toward" Flint's efforts to move "from crisis to recovery," though she cautioned residents to keep drinking bottled or filtered water until all construction work is done and tests have been completed.

"Getting the poison out — that was my first priority," Weaver said.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, which is part of a lawsuit over the lead issue, says the city hasn't prioritized homes most likely to



In this Jan. 3, 2018 file photo, Flint Mayor Karen Weaver speaks during a press conference in Flint, Mich.

have lead and galvanized steel pipes. It adds thousands of the excavated pipes have been copper. A landmark legal settlement reached early last year calls for fully removing the lead pipes by the end of next year.

"The city has announced it has dug 18,000 holes in the city of Flint, but it has not replaced all the lead and galvanized pipes," NRDC attorney Sarah Tallman told The Associated Press. "The city is in violation of the ... settlement."

The environmental group and others who sued have previously accused Flint of ignoring requirements that allow monitoring of whether the court-ordered deal is being followed.

Flint ran into extraordinary trouble when emergency managers appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder put the city on water from the Flint River in 2014 while a pipeline was being built to Lake Huron. The corrosive water was not properly treated due to an incorrect reading of federal regulations by state regulators, and lead leached from old plumbing into homes and led to elevated levels of the toxin in children. □

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Dwindling list of missing people brings relief to burn area

By JANIE HAR and PAUL ELIAS

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

The search for people unaccounted for after the deadliest U.S. wildfire in at least a century is winding down in Northern California, with just 11 names left on a fluctuating list that once approached 1,300 and prompted fears that hundreds had died in the flames.

The declining number released late Monday came as a relief in the Paradise area as it reels from the wildfire that killed at least 85 people and destroyed nearly 14,000 homes.

Families, friends and even long-ago acquaintances have been peppering social media with pleas for help finding people. Sometimes they had no more than a first name to work with.

Authorities now say they have located more than 3,100 people who had been reported as unreachable at some point during the catastrophe.

"I think that's a pretty remarkable number at this point," Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said.

He also has revised the death toll down to 85 from 88, saying medical examiners determined several bags of human remains were duplicates.

The Associated Press has been scouring the list of people unaccounted for and found duplicate names, misspellings and people who don't appear to exist.

People who were previously identified as dead or alive by family or friends



Jean Uno searches for heirlooms at her parent's Magalia, Calif., home, destroyed by the Camp Fire, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018. Uno also lost her home in Paradise during the blaze.

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have at times reappeared on the list.

The list of names released each day frustrated those looking for people and baffled residents whose names appeared even though they weren't missing.

Honea repeatedly said he released the list — no matter how long at times — to reach those who may not know people were looking for them.

He said it was never intended to be a definitive account of people who were missing or possibly dead.

The AP located several people, including a couple

who had decamped from the fire zone area for a previously planned vacation in Hawaii.

Patrick Holden and Nancy Barnes fled their Paradise home at the same time as most of their neighbors. They spent five terrifying hours on Nov. 8 making the normally 30-minute drive to nearby Chico.

The next day, they identified themselves as safe through Facebook, alerted their friends and then, realizing that their home was burned to the ground, headed to Hawaii for their vacation.

Holden was stunned to see his name pop up on the list two weeks after the disaster. The couple appeared on a list released Sunday as "Patrick and Nancy Holton" of Paradise.

"Everybody in the car club, the bridge club and the Paradise Newcomers Club knew we were OK," Holden said Monday from his time-share in Maui. "I don't know how we got on the list now." His daughter Amanda Lunsford said a former co-worker of her father might have added him. Holden said he hasn't called the Butte County Sheriff's Office to let

them know about the error, because they're busy.

"I think they have enough calls coming in," he said. "I have a lot of respect for the sheriff's office."

The uncertainty continues for Lita Siebenthal, whose sister remains on the list. She said she's spoken to nine different detectives and been asked to repeat information she's already told other investigators.

She said a relative has provided a DNA sample to compare to human remains but is still holding onto hope that Sara Martinez-Fabila will be found alive. "It's an organized chaos up there," Siebenthal said. "I would think by now we would be a little further along."

Phil John, chairman of the region's wildfire preparedness organization who helped draft the evacuation plan for Paradise, said the lower-than-expected death toll is a "miracle."

In a push for order, the organization had called for staggered exits and a warning system that required residents to sign up for alerts.

Still, there were traffic jams when the fire swept through town, but John believes the death toll would have been much higher without the plan.

Councilman Mike Zuccolillo said he was surprised that the death toll was not higher.

He said most residents received no official notification and got away safely because of warnings from neighbors and family. Now, the city has a long way to go to recover and faces significant financial hurdles in rebuilding, he said. □



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Should you need to pass a social media check to get a gun?



In this photo taken from a video shot on Nov. 28, 2018, Mike Carnevale places his hand on the back of Mark Hennesey while instructing him at the American Tactical Systems' indoor range in Green Island, New York.

Associated Press

By **MICHAEL HILL**
Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Should hateful tweets keep you from getting a gun? That's a question many have asked after suspects in several horrific mass shootings were found only later to have left social media hints of violence that went unheeded for years. Now a New York lawmaker has introduced a bill that would require police to scrutinize the social media and online searches of handgun license applicants, and disqualify those who publish violent or hate-filled posts. "We certainly want to make sure we're putting weapons in the hands of the right

people and keeping them out of the hands of the wrong people," said state Sen. Kevin Parker, a Brooklyn Democrat who added he was inspired to act after the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting suspect left social media rants that Jews were "children of Satan." Free-speech watchdogs and even some gun-control advocates have already raised concerns about the bill, which would require handgun applicants to turn over login information to allow investigators to look at three years' worth of Facebook, Snapchat, Twitter and Instagram posts. Google, Yahoo and Bing searches over the previous year also would be

checked. Licenses could be denied if investigators uncover threats of violence or terrorism or the use of racial or ethnic slurs. Parker's bill comes as people are increasingly wary about their online lives being tracked. But social postings are commonly checked by everyone from human resource workers to police officers. A survey of more than 550 police departments several years ago by the International Association of Chiefs of Police found more than half use social media for listening or monitoring and three-quarters of them use it for intelligence. While the prospects of

Parker's bill passing are uncertain, he has already succeeded at one of his goals of creating "fodder for discussion," including pushback. Tom King, president of New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, the state's NRA affiliate, said the bill would be the beginning of "the slippery slope of taking away your First Amendment" free speech rights. At the American Tactical Systems gun range, a short drive from New York's Capitol, gun owners called the proposal unnecessary and intrusive. "I don't think the government should have access to anybody's history, especially for pistol per-

mits," Steve Wohlleber, who works at the range. "And the state police have enough to worry about besides checking everyone's social media." David Pucino, a staff attorney at the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, said that while he shared the legislator's goals, he thought there were better alternatives, such as another bill that would create a court order of protection to bar people considered dangerous from possessing or buying guns. Civil rights attorney Norman Siegel said he believes bill language directing police to consider "commonly known profane slurs or biased language" is too broad to pass constitutional muster. "A person could be prejudiced," Siegel said. "That doesn't mean he's not entitled to his Second Amendment right." On a practical level, the measure would mean more work for police in New York who already check the criminal and mental health histories of handgun license applicants. Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, whose department processes a few hundred applications every year, said "it's definitely going to bog things down a bit" in a licensing process that already can take from 120 days to a year to complete. Parker countered that states have the authority to limit handgun use for public safety. "If you're afraid of your personal privacy," he said. "Don't apply for a handgun license." □

U.S. law against encouraging illegal immigration struck down

By SUDHIN THANAWALA
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A U.S. appeals court struck down a federal immigration law Tuesday that opponents warned could be used to criminalize a wide range of statements involving illegal immigration. The law made it a felony for people to encourage an immigrant to enter or live in the U.S. if they know the person would be doing so illegally. The law violates the First Amendment because it criminalizes a substantial amount of protected speech, a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said. The statute, for example, would make it illegal for a grandmother to urge her grandson to ignore limits on

his visa by encouraging him to stay in the U.S., Judge A. Wallace Tashima said. In addition, a speech addressed to a crowd that encouraged everyone in the country illegally to stay here could also lead to a criminal prosecution, Tashima said. "Criminalizing expression like this threatens almost anyone willing to weigh in on the debate," he said. A message to the Justice Department was not immediately returned. Attorneys for the government argued that the law only prohibited conduct and a very narrow band of speech that was not protected by the U.S. Constitution. They also said it had not been used against "efforts to persuade, expres-

sions of moral support, or abstract advocacy regarding immigration." The law preceded the Trump administration, but it posed a greater threat now given the administration's hard line on immigration, said Kari Hong, who teaches immigration law at Boston College Law School. Hong co-authored a brief in the case that encouraged the 9th Circuit to apply the law narrowly. She said in a phone interview on Tuesday that the law was a danger to attorneys advising immigrants about how to obtain legal residency and public officials who promote so-called sanctuary policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration authorities. "What this decision does is



In this Feb. 13, 2012 file photo, U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Judge A. Wallace Tashima speaks during arguments in San Francisco.

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make clear that statements of encouragement that immigrants are welcome will not be subject to criminal prosecution," she said. The ruling came in the case of an immigration consultant in San Jose, Evelyn Sineneng-Smith, who was convicted of fraud after prosecutors said she falsely told immigrants they could obtain permanent residen-

cy under a program she knew had expired. Sineneng-Smith was also convicted of two counts of encouraging or inducing an immigrant to remain in the country for financial gain. Sineneng-Smith appealed those convictions as unconstitutional, and the 9th Circuit panel in Tuesday's ruling overturned them. □

Utah patients can use medical pot; but concerns still loom

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST
Associated Press
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Patients can use medical marijuana legally in conservative Utah after a compromise agreement was signed into law despite concerns from advocates that it's too restrictive, but they likely won't be able to buy it legally in-state until at least 2020, officials said Tuesday. The state will need time to first build up a database to start issuing patients medical-cannabis cards, and then begin granting licenses for dispensaries, health department spokesman Tom Hudachko said. The first license for a private dispensary must be awarded by June 2020, though authorities are aiming to do it faster. But people who go elsewhere to buy permitted forms of medicinal marijuana, like cube-shaped gummies and oils, with a doctor's recommendation now have legal protections. "We did not want them to be considered criminals for the next year or two while they wait for the bureau-

cracy," said Connor Boyack with the group Libertas Institute, who helped draft a legalization law passed by voters in November. Until medical cannabis cards become available, patients can carry a letter from their doctor recommending use of the drug. Utah Department of Public Safety Col. Michael Rapich said troopers are being informed that "some things that were a crime before are not a crime." He wants to support medical-marijuana patients who follow the new rules, but said troopers will also aggressively enforce DUI laws and investigate other suspected drug crimes. "If someone ... makes sure they understand what the rules are and they are following the rules, they should be fine," he said. Lawmakers passed sweeping changes to the law Monday under a compromise deal that was arranged before Election Day and won the support of the influential Mormon church. Utah Gov. Gary Herbert quickly signed it into law, calling it the "best-

designed medical cannabis program in the country," and directed the state to implement it as soon as

possible. Some advocates, though, say the agreement makes it too difficult for patients to

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UN aid chief: Yemen talks not an 'easy or rapid process'

GENEVA (AP) — The U.N. humanitarian aid chief says he doesn't expect an "easy or rapid process" in peace talks aimed at ending Yemen's devastating civil war, which are set to begin later this week.

Mark Lowcock, head of the world body's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, spoke to The Associated Press on Monday after laying out the organization's 2019 humanitarian appeal.

OCHA says \$21.9 billion is needed next year for food, shelter, health care, education, protection and other assistance worldwide. It predicts nearly 132 million



Mark Lowcock, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, speaks during a press conference about the launch of the "Global Humanitarian Overview 2019" and "World Humanitarian Data and Trends 2018" flagship reports, at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, Dec 4, 2018.

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people in 42 countries will need assistance.

The worst humanitarian crisis is in Yemen, where the government and a Saudi-led coalition have been locked in a largely stalemated war with the Iran-aligned Houthi rebels since March 2015. The fighting has claimed tens of thousands of lives and pushed the country to the brink of famine.

The executive director of the U.N.'s World Food Program, David Beasley, meanwhile said an upcoming report on hunger levels in Yemen will show a sharp increase. "We're seeing the severe hunger rate spike

from 8 million to 12 million (people)," he said.

"I've heard many say that this is a country on the brink of catastrophe," Beasley said. "This is not a country on the brink of a catastrophe. This is a country that is in a catastrophe."

"Let's hope that these peace talks that start tomorrow or the day after will yield to a path forward to providing some hope for the children of this country," he added.

OCHA's Lowcock said the "onus" in the peace talks is on Yemen's government and the Houthi rebels to "take this seriously and act in a responsible way." □

French PM to announce delay to fuel tax hikes



Ambulance workers hold flares outside the National Assembly in Paris, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.

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By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe is to announce a suspension of fuel tax hikes, a major U-turn in an effort to appease

a protest movement that has radicalized, French media reported Tuesday. Both Le Monde newspaper and France Info radio said the planned increase, which has provoked riots,

will be suspended for several months. Philippe is also expected to announce other measures aimed at easing tensions, just three weeks after claiming that the government would not change course and remained determined to help wean French consumers off polluting fossil fuels. Philippe will make an announcement later Tuesday to legislators from President Emmanuel Macron's party. There was no immediate comment from his office Tuesday morning.

It's unlikely Philippe's announcement will put an end to the road blockades and demonstrations, with more possible protests this weekend in Paris.

"It's a first step, but we will not settle for a crumb," said Benjamin Cauchy, one of

the leaders of the protests. After a third consecutive weekend of clashes in Paris led by protesters wearing distinctive yellow traffic vests, Philippe held crisis talks with representatives of major political parties on Monday. He also met with Macron and other ministers in order to find a quick solution to the crisis.

Facing the most serious street protests since his election in May 2017, Macron has canceled a two-day trip to Serbia to stay in France this week.

More than 100 people were injured in the French capital and 412 arrested over the weekend during France's worst urban riot in years, with dozens of cars torched.

The protests began last month with motorists upset

over the fuel tax hike and have grown to encompass a range of complaints, with protesters claiming that Macron's government doesn't care about the problems of ordinary people.

The planned new tax was to increase gasoline price by 4 euro cents per liter from January next year. Gasoline currently costs about 1.42 euros a liter in Paris, slightly more than diesel. Since the movement kicked off on Nov. 17, three people have been killed and hundreds injured in clashes or accidents stemming from the protests. Over the past three weeks, protesters have been setting up road blockades across the country and their movement has garnered wide public support. □

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Holocaust survivors gathering for global Hanukkah ceremonies

By DAVID RISING
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Hundreds of Holocaust survivors around the world marked the third night of Hanukkah on Tuesday, with menorah-lighting ceremonies paying tribute to them and the 6 million other Jews who were killed by the Nazis.

Initiated last year by the New York-based organization that handles claims on behalf of Jews persecuted by the Nazis, International Holocaust Survivors Night was expanded this year to include Moscow, a nod to the large number of survivors who live in Russia and other former Soviet countries.

"The sense of Hanukkah is in our dear veterans who are present here today," Russia's Chief Rabbi Berel Lazar said at the ceremony in the Jewish Community Center and Synagogue in Moscow. "These people have seen war, but never gave up."

Other ceremonies were held in Berlin and Jerusalem. At a gathering of more than 100 survivors at Oheb Shalom Congregation in South Orange, New Jersey, outside New York City, Hanna Keselman recalled being separated from her parents in Germany by the Nazis. Her mother survived but her father died.



Two holocaust survivors arrive for the International Holocaust Survivors Night of the Jewish Community in Berlin, Germany, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018.

Associated Press

"We are what is left of a people who were not able to celebrate the Jewish religion because another government decided that we were not worthy of existing, much less openly practicing our faith," the 87-year-old Keselman said. "It is a miracle, after the horrors we faced, that we are celebrating Hanukkah today." New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy, a former ambassador to Germany under former President Barack Obama,

told the group that survivors "are owed a debt by each of us, and from all humanity." "All of us here who've listened have a responsibility to tell your stories to successive generations," he added.

Greg Schneider, executive vice president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, said that more than seven decades after the end of World War II it is more criti-

cal than ever to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.

"We owe it to you, to show you that we will not forget," he told the group of several dozen survivors and relatives in Moscow. "The Hanukkah candles will serve as a reminder from here forward of the importance of preserving memory. We have rebuilt many times in the past; we will never forget those lessons."

In Berlin, several hundred

survivors and relatives packed the German capital's biggest Jewish community center for a dinner of turkey and rice, washed down with Manischewitz red wine, before lighting a menorah on stage.

Sara Bialas-Tenenberg, a native of Czestochowa, Poland, who survived 4 ½ years in the Nazis' Gross Rosen concentration camp, said even though it was good to be among people with whom she had so much in common, the event was "not easy" for her.

She told The Associated Press it brought back memories of her parents, killed in Treblinka, a sister who was shot by the Germans and another sister who simply vanished. "I was just a child then, 13 years old, I knew nothing of the world and I'd never been away from my parents," said Bilas-Tenenberg, who turned 91 on Tuesday and has lived in Germany since 1961.

"I miss my mother always and even though I'm now old, I need my mother." At Jerusalem's Western Wall, the holiest place where Jews can pray, more than 250 survivors from across Israel lit candles at sunset after feasting on sweet Hanukkah treats and dancing to traditional Hebrew folk songs. □

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Israel launches operation to thwart Hezbollah border tunnels

By **ARIEL SCHALIT**
TIA GOLDENBERG

METULA, Israel (AP) — The Israeli military launched an operation on Tuesday to "expose and thwart" tunnels it says were built by the Hezbollah militant group that stretch from Lebanon into northern Israel.

The military said the tunnels were not currently being used by militants and that its work to find and neutralize them was taking place inside Israeli territory. However, the Israeli operation could send tensions soaring between Israel and its Iranian-backed foe, which have both been preoccupied with other conflicts since their last conflagration more than a decade ago.

"We see Hezbollah's activities as a flagrant and blatant violation of Israeli sovereignty" and of U.N. resolutions, said Lt. Col Jonathan Conricus, a military spokesman. "This activity is another example of the negative effects of Iranian entrenchment in the region."

The military did not disclose how many tunnels snake into Israeli territory from Lebanon nor what tools it was using to deal with the threat, although it said the operation could last for weeks. Israel has spent years attempting to tackle a network of tunnels from the Gaza Strip into Israel and has used a variety of methods to destroy tunnels and prevent them from being rebuilt. A Lebanese military official told The Associated Press that Lebanese troops and military intelligence agents, along



In this Sept. 5, 2018 file photo, an Israeli soldier stands near a wall at the Israel Lebanon border near Rosh Haniqra, northern Israel.

Associated Press

with U.N. peacekeepers deployed in southern Lebanon, were observing the border on Tuesday. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, had no further details. Israel has been using earthmovers and other large machinery to build a massive wall along its northern border, saying the barrier is needed to protect civilians from Hezbollah attacks. While the construction has prompted complaints from the Lebanese army, Hezbollah has not responded, an indication it could remain restrained amid the new operation. Israel, meanwhile, gave no special orders to residents of northern Israel, signaling that it too was not expecting an immediate response from Hezbollah.

The existence of the tunnels did not appear to have sur-

prised Israel.

Conricus said that Hezbollah has been developing an offensive plan against Israel that would "shift the battleground into Israel." The group would use firepower and ground units and "the surprise component of that plan was supposed to be tunnels that would allow infiltrators into Israel."

He added that Israel has investigated the possibility of underground Hezbollah tunnels since 2013 and that a task force has been searching for them for more than two years. He did not explain why the operation was launched now.

On Tuesday, bulldozers and military vehicles were seen operating near the pastoral Israeli border town of Metula. Residents of the area told Israeli media they had been hearing digging

noises for years and had reported their suspicions to the military.

There was no immediate comment from Hezbollah. Its Al-Manar TV quoted Israeli media report on the operation.

An official from the so-called "Axis of Resistance" — a grouping led by Iran and made up of Syrian officials, Iraq Shiite militias, Hezbollah and other groups — said Hezbollah fighters were "on high alert to confront any possible Israeli aggression." The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the group's military activities with the media.

Malene Jensen, spokeswoman for the U.N. force in Lebanon known as UNIFIL, said the situation in the peacekeepers' "area of operation remains calm"

and that they are in touch with all relevant parties to make sure calm and stability is maintained.

Israel and Hezbollah fought a month-long war in 2006 that ended in a stalemate. Israel's border with Lebanon has been relatively quiet in the years since, but Israel has continued to identify the Shiite militant group and its expanding weapons cache of tens of thousands of rockets as a major threat.

The Israeli operation began hours after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu held a snap trip to Brussels to meet U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in which the two discussed "ways to halt together Iranian aggression in the region," including in Lebanon. Israel has long voiced concern about Iran's growing military presence along its northern border, warning of an Iranian corridor that could assist in the transfer of weapons to Hezbollah. Israel has generally refrained from engaging in Syria's civil war, though it has carried out scores of airstrikes against what Israel says were Iranian shipments of advanced weapons bound for Hezbollah.

The operation comes weeks after Netanyahu faced a major crisis in his governing coalition over the handling of a cease-fire with Gaza militants. Amid the crisis he took on the defense portfolio from his resigning minister and promised to pursue a hard line against Israel's enemies during what he described as a "complex" security situation. □

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Cambodia mulls law to restore opposition politicians' rights

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Cambodia's parliament will consider legislation to allow politicians banned from political activity to have the ban lifted, a measure that long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen's government is touting as a step "to strengthen democracy and political space." The move, announced late Monday by the assembly's secretariat, ostensibly holds out an olive branch to the 118 top members of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party banned from political activity for five years. Their party was dissolved by court order last year in what was seen as a tactic to ensure a victory by Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party in this past July's general election. Under the proposed legislation, the ban could be lifted by Cambodia's constitutional monarch on application by the prime minister on advice of the interior minister.

It's also an effort by the government to patch up relations with Western nations critical of the elec-

tion, which they judged to be neither free nor fair. The United States and European nations imposed diplomatic sanctions and threaten economic punishments in response to what they consider a lack of democracy and limitations on human rights. In addition to shutting down the sole credible opposition party, virtually all media outlets critical of the government were forced to close.

Hun Sen, who has held power for more than three decades, has a history of cracking down hard on his foes when he is challenged, then easing up when those he finds a threat have been politically neutered. He has denied that recent pardons and releases are due to international pressure, which increased after the controversial election. Many of the banned opposition politicians fled Cambodia in fear of arrest, and restoration of their political rights alone would appear to leave them in the political wilderness, as the Cambodian People's Party holds all 125 seats in the National Assembly. There are no



In this Nov. 21, 2018, file photo, Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen waves as he watches boat races during the water festival in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Associated Press

guarantees that new legal actions would not be taken against them in the courts, which are generally seen as being under the government's influence.

Since the election, Hun Sen's government has made a series of gestures in an effort to burnish its reputation. These include the freeing, either on bail

or as a result of pardons, of political prisoners, including the head of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party, Kem Sokha, who was charged last year with treason on the basis of flimsy evidence. He is now being held under tight house arrest. In October, Hun Sen said he had agreed to the resumption

of U.S. military-led missions to search for the remains of Americans missing in action during the Vietnam War, following an appeal from two U.S. state lawmakers. The long-running program was suspended a year ago after the U.S. government stopped issuing visas to senior Cambodian Foreign Ministry officials and their families. The tit-for-tat move came amid sharply deteriorating relations between the two countries.

A statement issued Monday by the Foreign Affairs Ministry listed the legislation that could cut short political bans as one of several examples of how the government was seeking "to improve the political climate and democratic space for the citizens to exercise their legitimate rights and freedoms in the spirit of national reconciliation." However, it mostly reiterated points previously made by the government, including claims that the legal actions against political parties were undertaken according the rule of law, and that the election was legitimate. □



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Honduras mother waits 8 years for lost migrant son to return

By MARIA VERZA

Associated Press

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras

(AP) — Haydee Posadas had waited eight years for her son to come home. On the last night of her long vigil, she was too agitated to sleep.

Her son had fled Honduras for the United States in 2010, in part because of gang threats, just as thousands are doing today in migrant caravans, including men from the same neighborhood. But en route in Mexico, again like so many others, Wilmer Nunez disappeared into the vortex of drug violence that he was trying to escape in the first place, leaving Posadas in limbo.

"I know nothing about my son, whether he's dead or alive," she pleaded with God through the years.

In the past four years alone, almost 4,000 migrants have died or gone missing along the route through Mexico to the U.S., The Associated Press has found. That's 1,573 more than the previously known number, calculated by the United Nations, and even the AP's estimate is likely low. These migrants are among about 56,800 worldwide who died or disappeared over the same period, the AP found.

When Posadas lost her factory job in the 1990s, Nunez left for the U.S. He sent money home, and called his mother almost every day. He was deported twice but returned.

In 2007, he had a child, Dachell, with a Mexican woman, Maria Esther Lozano, now 38. In July 2010, Nunez was deported a third time. This time, his Ciudad Planeta neighborhood in San Pedro Sula was so dangerous that Nunez barely went outside the home.

"He seemed very pensive," said Posadas, 73. "I'm afraid," he told me."

After just a few days and an apparent threat from gang members, he left earlier than planned.

"I have to get out of here now," he told Lozano, without further explanation.

Nunez, his nephew and two neighbors struck out for the



In this Oct. 30, 2018 photo, Haydee Posadas sheds tears during an interview in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, as she talks about the frustrations she faced when trying to get information about her missing son Wilmer, who had left the U.S. for a fourth time.

Mexican border with Texas. Nunez, then 35, called Lozano every day, sometimes from the phone of the migrants' smuggler. About a week after he left Honduras, he spoke to his mother for the last time, and then a day later to Lozano.

After that, Lozano talked to the smuggler a couple of times, who told her they were still waiting to cross. Then the phone went unanswered.

At first Lozano and Posadas weren't too worried. But about two weeks after he left, when Posadas turned on the television news, fear suddenly seized her. The corpses of 72 migrants had been found on a ranch in Tamaulipas state, across the border from Texas, the report said. It turned out that they had been killed by gangs, and an Ecuadorian managed to escape and alert authorities.

"I started to weep like a crazy person. There were no names, but I was shaken," said Posadas.

A list of victims released days after the massacre included the names of Posadas' grandson and the two neighbors traveling with them. But there was no

trace of Nunez.

Hoping against hope, Posadas and Lozano tried jails, detention centers and hospitals. Nothing. Lozano gave the Honduran consulate names, photos, and descriptions of Nunez's tattoos, including one of Dachell and another of the number 8. She went there every day.

Still nothing. Then they heard that the Ecuadorian survivor said another man — a Honduran — also had escaped the massacre. But authorities refused to give Lozano any more information because the man was under protection.

Lozano even hired a lawyer to help relatives search prisons in Tamaulipas. The lawyer said he saw a man resembling Nunez in one of the prisons. Posadas asked herself, "Has God heard my pleas?"

But they heard nothing more, and Lozano's brothers abandoned the search because of gang threats. Posadas spent nights awake, and days were just as desperate.

"I felt like I was falling into a terrible depression," she said.

Associated Press

Had she only known it, Posadas could have gotten her answer days after the mass killing.

The report on the massacre stated that body No. 63 was a male with tattoos, including "Dachell" and the number 8. Documents note the finding of a Honduran driver's license in the name of Wilmer Gerardo Nunez Posadas, with a photo of a man with a moustache and beard. Yet nobody made that information public.

In September 2013, the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team reached an agreement with Mexican prosecutors to identify more than 200 bodies from three massacres, including the one at San Fernando. When the Argentine team found out about Nunez's ID, they tried to track down the family, but nobody wanted to set foot in Planeta.

Through the Catholic Church, they found a woman who knew a taxi driver who lived in Planeta. He offered to leave a scrap of paper with a phone number that Posadas could call in one of the neighborhood's oldest stores.

A neighbor brought the message to Posadas late

last year. Befuddled, she called the number. The voice on the other end wanted to meet to talk about her son.

"Today I finally have hope," she thought.

When they met, the forensic experts told her about the driver's license and the tattoos. They arranged for DNA tests for her and Wilmer Turcios Sarmiento, 18, thought to be Nunez's son from a teenage relationship.

The DNA tests came back positive.

"My heart hurt so much ... most of all because of the death he suffered, not even knowing who killed him, with his eyes blindfolded, hands tied..." Posadas said, her voice trailing off, tears in her eyes.

The DNA tests also proved once and for all that Turcios was Nunez's son, Posadas' grandson.

On Oct. 31, Wilmer Nunez came home to Honduras.

A forensic worker unwrapped the cadaver. By now the head was just a skull, but on the arms some skin remained, along with tattoos. Posadas didn't need to see any more. After a brief wake at home, the family went to a small cemetery.

"I am finally sure. It is him. It is him. I give thanks to God," Posadas sobbed before collapsing next to the coffin.

Eight years and three months after the last hug from her son, Posadas says she feels peace for the first time.

In her prayers now, she asks for her grandson, who wants to go to the U.S., not to migrate. □



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The view from level 7



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Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu: “It feels like having dinner at home in Peru”

EAGLE BEACH - Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in ‘her home’ as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. “Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic.” Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired.

How It All Started

“Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peruvian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?” That was the trigger for the start because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. “My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic.” To find her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. “We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook. Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef.”

Chef Table 5 Course Menu

Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but bestsellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. “Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table.” Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres Regiones, and the 2nd the Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience!

Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. “A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that’s why you see a fusion in the



dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on.” I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne’s place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [asies mi peru](#). □



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Premiere Short Film PARADISO

ORANJESTAD — Sunday December 9, 2018 the short film PARADISO will premiere at art center Ateliers '89 at 7:30 PM. After the screening there will be a Q&A with cast and crew. Entrance is FREE.

PARADISO is a short film written and directed by Rebecca Roos, with actress Olga Gabrielle in the leading role. The short film juxtaposes a day in Aruba as the tourist experience it and as an Aruban professional Experiences it. Sub-titles are in English.

The idea for the short film started in 2017 and after securing funding from Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds Caribisch Gebied, Subway Aruba, New India Assurance and Cas Bon filming started in February 2018. Other organizations that backed the project through different bar-ters are Home and Nature, University of Aruba, Sams, Aanic Legal and Divi All Inclusive.

The director of photography is Ingmar Maduro and audio and music is by Adriano Nanof.

In November PARADISO had its world premiere during the Belize International Film Festival, and at the moment the short film being submitted to a number of international film festivals. □



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On International Day of Disabled Persons: Breakfast for the Elderly from the Disabled



SAVANETA — It was a great morning last Saturday at SABA's retirement home Huize Maristella in Savaneta. In the light of the International Day of Disabled Persons the foundation Trampolin pa Trabou decided to show that people with a disability can also help others. They prepared a full breakfast for the elderly which was very much appreciated.

Trampolin pa Trabou is part of Foundation Sonrisa and offers a day care and teaching school for adults with limitations. "Meaning preparing the clients in this building to give them the best starting qualifications as possible to begin working. We have deaf, visually impaired, Down syndrome, Autism and other kind of limitations, but that does not mean you cannot work," manager Lionel Rumnit explains. Monday December 3rd was International Day of Disabled Persons and for that rea-

son the clients of Trampolin pa Trabou went to the retirement home Maristella to cook a good breakfast and serve this together with the famous Aruba Ginger syrup.

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Today's
Happening



A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba



Wednesday 5 Winter Wonderland

- Discover all the magic that this season has to offer during the Winter Wonderland days at Renaissance Marketplace. The famous Ice Skating court, Meet & Greet with Santa and his Elves, the Wonderful village with Christmas cottages offering Seasonal delights.
- 6 PM – 10 PM daily between December 1st till December 23rd
- Renaissance Mall & Marketplace, Oranjestad
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Thursday 6 Chanuka Live

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Friday 7 Christmas Concert

- At Aruba's National Theatre Cas di Cultura you can enjoy a local Christmas Concert with youth choir Alegria Hubenil. The concert is called 'Angels coming from the Cunucu'.
- 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
- Cas di Cultura, Oranjestad
- Facebook Cas di Cultura



Saturday 8 Aruba Christmas Fair

- ArtisA the organizers of Aruba Art Fair are organizing the 1st Annual Christmas Fair. Where you will find different Artisanal Food & Drinks made especially for this season together with Arts & Craft, Live entertainment and much more!
- 7 PM – 11.30 PM
- San Nicolas
- Facebook Aruba Christmas Fair

Sunday 9 Short Film Paradiso

- Short film PARADISO will premiere at art center Ateliers '89. After the screening there will be a Q&A with cast and crew. Entrance is FREE. PARADISO is a short film written and directed by Rebecca Roos, with actress Olga Gabrielle in the leading role. The short film juxtaposes a day in Aruba as the tourist experience it and as an Aruban professional Experiences it. Subtitles are in English.
- 7.30 PM
- Ateliers '89, Oranjestad
- Facebook Rebecca Roos Productions N.V.



Monday 10 Documentary Dominion

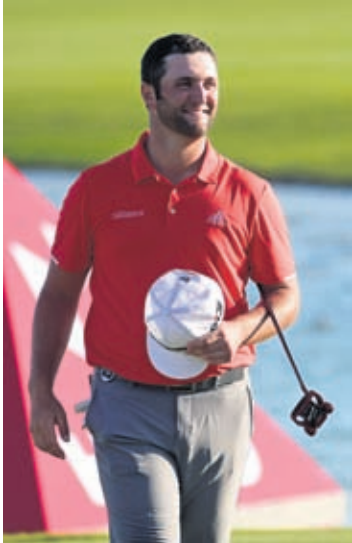
- Multi-award winning documentary 'Dominion' is the feature-length documentary sequel to 2014's 'Lucent'. While Lucent focused mostly on the Australian pig farming industry, Dominion will have a much broader scope as a comprehensive account of the numerous ways animals are used and abused in Australia.
- 7 PM
- National Library, Oranjestad
- Facebook Vegan Aruba

Tuesday 11 Taste of Aruba

- Aquarius restaurant at Renaissance hotel will take you back in time with stories, local handcrafted arts and recipes. Celebrate our Island's rich multicultural history with locally inspired buffet.
- From 5 PM
- Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino, Oranjestad
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SPORTS



Spain's Jon Rahm reacts after his final shot during the last round of the Hero World Challenge at Albany Golf Club in Nassau, Bahamas, Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018.

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Why it was special for Rahm to beat his hero, Tiger

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Three victories in three countries against fields large and small, strong and weak, couldn't make Jon Rahm's year any better. Nothing could top one win that offered no money, no world ranking points or even a trophy to call his own. He beat Tiger Woods in the Ryder Cup.

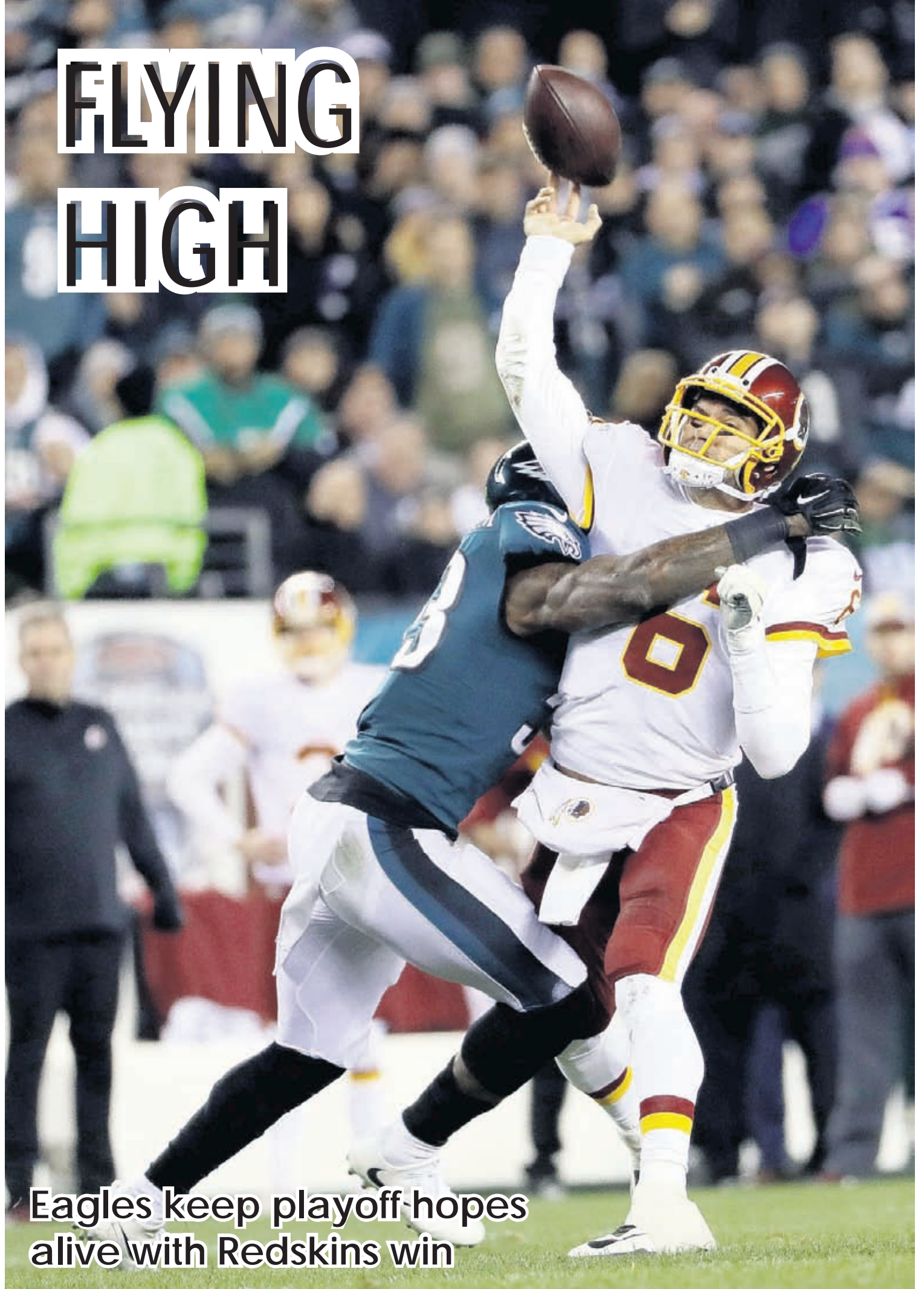
"I don't think there's anything I can do in the game anytime soon that's going to mean more than that," Rahm said.

When he spoke late Sunday afternoon after a four-shot victory in the Bahamas, the Masters was still 130 days away. That's the next major, and majors are the greatest achievement for any player. Rahm is no exception.

But yes, that Ryder Cup was special.

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FLYING HIGH



Eagles keep playoff hopes alive with Redskins win

Washington Redskins' Mark Sanchez (6) is hit by Philadelphia Eagles' Nigel Bradham (53) during the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, in Philadelphia.

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Ohio State coach Urban Meyer to retire after Rose Bowl

By MITCH STACY

AP Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —

Ohio State coach Urban Meyer abruptly announced his retirement Tuesday, citing health reasons and a difficult year that included a three-game suspension over his handling of domestic violence allegations against a now-fired assistant coach. He will step down after the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

Meyer is leaving at the top of his career after three national championships and seven years at the Big Ten school, where he has an 82-9 record. The 54-year-old Meyer has an arachnoid cyst in his brain that causes severe headaches, and had shown obvious effects of being in pain on the sideline this season.

At a packed news conference, Meyer explained that the headaches became severe last season during Ohio State's game at Penn State and have become a persistent problem this season. But he didn't blame only his health for stepping away. Meyer said he believed he could no longer coach the way he has always coached, from the early days at Bowling Green to Utah, Florida and finally with the Buckeyes.

"The style of coaching I've done for 33 years is very intense, very demanding. I tried to delegate more and CEO more and the product started to feel ...," he said, not finishing his thought. "I didn't feel I was doing right by our players and by Gene (Smith, the athletic director)."

Meyer said leaving would have been more difficult if the program wasn't healthy. The Buckeyes are 12-1 after winning the Big Ten and, and Meyer said he felt good that assistant coach Ryan Day will take over as the 25th coach of the storied program where Meyer won a national title in 2014 after two at Florida (2006, 2008).

"You want to hand it off to someone who could make it stronger," Meyer said.

It was Day who led the

Buckeyes when Meyer was suspended for three games to start this season over his role in the handling of assistant coach Zach Smith, who was accused by his ex-wife of domestic abuse. Meyer said he knew about the allegations against Smith — grandson of former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce — but wasn't sure they were true and kept Smith on staff because no criminal charges were filed. The university cited that lapse in suspending Meyer after an investigation.

A report issued by an investigative committee left a lasting stain, detailing behavior by Meyer that could have taken down a coach of lesser stature. The investigation showed he tolerated bad behavior for years from Smith, including domestic-violence accusations, drug addiction, lies and other acts that directly clash with the values Meyer touts publicly.

Meyer acknowledged the investigation was among the reasons for his decision: "The decision was the result of cumulative events."

Meyer was asked if the suspension will affect his legacy.

"I'm sure it will... I can lie to you and say it is not important to me," he said.

The announcement came as the Buckeyes begin preparations for the bowl game against Washington and less than three weeks before the early signing period, giving recruits time to change their minds. Meyer said his decision had to come before the Dec. 19 signing day.

Former players were full of praise for Meyer.

"Besides my parents, you were one of the most influential people to touch my life and I'm appreciative of that," former Buckeyes linebacker Joshua Perry wrote on Twitter.

The Buckeyes' strong finish this season belied on-the-field problems that made for a stressful season for Meyer and his staff. He lost star defensive end Nick Bosa to an early season-ending injury, and the de-

fense never fully recovered. The team alternated expected blowout wins with puzzling play that included a pair of one-point wins (Penn State, Maryland) and a closer-than-expected win over a struggling Nebraska team. A startling blowout loss at unranked Purdue on Oct. 20 pushed Ohio State to the fringe of the national championship chase and prompted questions about Meyer's future and he was forced to address speculation that he would step down at the end of the season.

"I plan on coaching," he said on Oct. 29. Asked if he would definitely return to Ohio State next year, he answered, "Yes."

Ohio State followed that



In this Nov. 17, 2018, file photo, Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer holds his hands to his head before an NCAA football game against Maryland in College Park, Md.

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with five straight wins, including a rout of archrival Michigan that gave the Buckeyes another divi-

sion title and then pulled away for an easy win over Northwestern in the Big Ten Championship. □

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Wentz tosses for 2 TDs, leads Eagles over Redskins 28-13

By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Carson Wentz was at his best back on the move again. Wentz tossed two touchdown passes, Darren Sproles ran for a score and the Philadelphia Eagles stayed in the hunt for the NFC East title with a 28-13 victory over the depleted Washington Redskins on Monday night.

The Eagles (6-6) won consecutive games for the first time since Nick Foles led them to a Super Bowl victory over the Patriots.

The Redskins (6-6) lost back-up quarterback Colt McCoy to a serious right leg injury in his second game replacing Alex Smith, who broke his right tibia and fibula on Nov. 18. Mark Sanchez took his place.

Redskins coach Jay Gruden said after the game that, from what he understands, McCoy fractured his fibula and will miss the rest of the season.

Adrian Peterson ran 90 yards for a touchdown on Sanchez's first play under center, giving the Redskins



Philadelphia Eagles' Darren Sproles (43) celebrates after scoring a touchdown during the first half of an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, in Philadelphia.

a 10-7 lead. It was the longest run Philadelphia has allowed in franchise history but Washington's lead didn't last long.

Wentz, who hasn't scrambled much since returning in Week 3 from surgery to repair two knee ligaments, didn't run for any yards. But he ran around and made

big plays when he improvised and on designed roll-outs.

"Anytime he can extend plays with his legs, he's such a great athlete, that's an advantage to the offense," coach Doug Pederson said. "Being able to do that allows us to stay on the field. He's gifted in do-

ing that. It comes natural to him."

Sproles put Philadelphia up 14-10 on a 14-yard TD run in the second quarter. Wentz tossed a 4-yard TD pass to Jordan Matthews and connected with Golden Tate on a 2-point conversion to extend the lead to 22-13 early in the fourth quarter. The Eagles twice failed to score inside the red zone and still managed their second-highest point total this season.

They had a first down at the Redskins 2 in the second quarter, but Josh Adams was stopped for a loss on fourth down from the 1. They had a first down at the Redskins 5 in the third quarter, but Wentz threw an interception right to Josh Norman.

Wentz finished 27 of 39 for 306 yards. He came out firing and led the Eagles to a score on their opening drive for only the third time season.

First, he scrambled out of the pocket, motioned Tate to go deep and lofted a 19-yard pass down the left sideline on a first-and-15. Wentz finished the drive by firing a 6-yard TD pass on the run to Tate.

"Play-action, bootlegs, nukes, getting me on the edge, gives me a chance to make plays and we used that effectively," Wentz

said.

Dustin Hopkins kicked field goals of 47 and 44 yards for Washington.

"We have to get a plan ready for Mark moving forward," Gruden said. "We've got to play great football around him, which we didn't do tonight."

SANCHIZE TIME

Sanchez, a former first-round pick who led the New York Jets to consecutive AFC championship games in his first two seasons, is now a starter for the first time since he played for the Eagles in 2015.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity. I was praying for the opportunity," he said, adding his "heart definitely breaks for" McCoy and Smith.

WELCOME BACK

Sproles scored his first TD since Dec. 22, 2016. Sproles only played three games last season before he tore a knee ligament and broke his forearm on the same play. He was sidelined since Week 1 this year because of a hamstring injury. "I'm really happy for him," center Jason Kelce said. "I don't usually know who is back there but when I saw it was him and he got in the end zone, I had a big sense of joy. He's a phenomenal guy."

RECORD SETTER

Zach Ertz broke Brian Westbrook's franchise record for receptions in a season. Ertz has 93 catches and is closing in on Jason Witten's single-season record (110) for tight ends. Westbrook had 90 catches in 2007.

"That's awesome, but I'm sure he's just happy we won," Wentz said.

INJURIES

Redskins: LG Jonathan Cooper (arm), RB Tony Bergstrom (ankle), CB Fabian Moreau (knee) and LB Ryan Anderson (hamstring) left the game.

Eagles: DT Tim Jernigan (back spasms) left in the first quarter and LT Jason Peters came out on the final series with an undisclosed injury.

UP NEXT

Redskins: Host the New York Giants (4-8) on Sunday. Eagles: Visit the Dallas Cowboys (7-5) on Sunday. □

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Jokic triple-double leads Nuggets past Raptors 106-103

By The Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Nikola Jokic capped a triple-double with three free throws in the final seven seconds, Kyle Lowry missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer and the Denver Nuggets overcame an injury to leading scorer Gary Harris to beat the Toronto Raptors 106-103 on Monday night.

Jokic made it 104-103 with a free throw with 7.0 seconds left, then hit two more foul shots with 5.6 seconds remaining before Lowry bounced a 26-footer off the rim.

Jokic had 23 points, 15 assists and 11 rebounds, Jamal Murray scored 21 points, and Malik Beasley and Juan Hernangomez each scored 15 points for Denver. The Nuggets won their sixth straight and halted Toronto's winning streak at eight.

Kawhi Leonard scored 27 points, Serge Ibaka had 15 and Pascal Siakam 14 for the Raptors.

Harris scored three points in the opening quarter but did not play after the first because of a sore right hip. He came in averaging a team-high 17.3 points per game.

WARRIORS 128, HAWKS 111
ATLANTA (AP) — Stephen Curry scored 30 points, Kevin Durant had 28 and Klay Thompson chipped in with 27 as Golden State cruised past Atlanta, snapping a six-game losing streak on the road.

With Curry scoring 18 points in the opening quarter, this one was never in doubt.

Golden State raced to a 34-17 lead in the first 12 minutes — Curry outscored the Hawks by himself — and the defending NBA champions won for only the fourth time

in 10 games.

The Warriors led 61-47 at halftime and stretched the margin as high as 24 points, sending the rebuilding Hawks to their third straight loss.

John Collins led Atlanta with 24 points, and Trae Young added 20.

CLIPPERS 129, PELICANS 126
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Tobias Harris made two clutch free throws with 4.7 seconds left to close out a 27-point performance, and Los Angeles held off New Orleans.

Danilo Gallinari scored 24 points, and Lou Williams topped off his 20-point night with a long, contested, off-balance jumper that gave the Clippers a 127-124 lead with 6.4 seconds remaining. The Clippers chose to foul quickly on New Orleans' next possession, and Darius Miller made two free throws with 4.9 seconds to go. The Pelicans followed suit with a quick foul but had little choice but to attempt a 3 as time ran out after Harris made his late free throws. E'Twaun Moore wound up with the final shot, which caromed off the rim for a long rebound as time expired.

Julius Randle scored a career-high 37 points for New Orleans, which has dropped six of its last eight games.

THUNDER 110, PISTONS 83

DETROIT (AP) — Steven Adams scored 21 points, Russell Westbrook added 18 and Oklahoma City ended Detroit's five-game winning streak.

Paul George added 17 points for the Thunder, who are 15-3 since losing their first four games.

Blake Griffin led Detroit with 20 points, while Andre

Drummond added 13.

Detroit came into the game having won six straight at home, including the first five games on its current homestand, but fell six points short of its previous season low.

Detroit's offense continued to struggle in the second half without Reggie Bullock, who left the game in the first quarter with an ankle injury. The Thunder took a 71-51 lead midway through the third quarter and led by 28 at the end of the period. In the fourth, Oklahoma City led by as many as 35.

TIMBERWOLVES 103, ROCKETS 91

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Karl-Anthony Towns helped erase a 14-point halftime deficit to lift Minnesota over Houston.

Towns led Minnesota with 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Andrew Wiggins had 16 points. The Rockets led by as many as 19 in the first half before Minnesota stormed back to take the lead for good in the third quarter.

James Harden finished with 29 points, and Clint Capela added 24 for the Rockets. Houston went cold after halftime, scoring just nine points in the fourth quarter and 29 total in the second half.

Minnesota clamped down on defense in the third quarter while shooting 7 of 10 from 3-point range. Houston shot just 38.1 percent in the third quarter and connected on 2 of 11 from deep.

CAVALIERS 99, NETS 97

NEW YORK (AP) — Jordan Clarkson had 20 points and 11 rebounds, newcomer Alec Burks threw down a two-handed dunk with 3.2 seconds left in regulation



Toronto Raptors guard Kyle Lowry (7) drives Denver Nuggets centre Nikola Jokic (15) during first half NBA basketball action in Toronto on Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.

Associated Press

and Cleveland avoided a fourth-quarter collapse against Brooklyn.

Tristan Thompson had 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who snapped their four-game losing streak.

The Nets went on a 17-6 run in the fourth, tying it 97-all on rookie Rodion Kurucs' put-back layup with 18.9 seconds left. Burks drove past Spencer Dinwiddie for the dunk that sealed it.

D'Angelo Russell scored 28 points for Brooklyn, which has lost seven straight and nine of 11 overall, including their last six at home. Dinwiddie had 18 points off the bench.

WIZARDS 110, KNICKS 107

NEW YORK (AP) — Bradley Beal scored 27 points, Kelly Oubre Jr. had 21 off the bench and Washington beat New York.

John Wall had 18 points and 15 assists for the Wizards, who collected their just their third road win of the season and beat the Knicks at Madison Square Garden for the eighth straight time. Markieff Morris also had 18 points and Otto Porter Jr. scored 15.

Tim Hardaway Jr. led the Knicks with 20 points. Danyelle Dotson scored 17 and Enes Kanter had 13 points and 16 rebounds for New York, which has lost three of four. □

Rams back on top of AP Pro32 poll; Saints slip to No. 2

By SIMMI BUTTAR

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Rams are back in a familiar place: the top spot in the NFL.

The Rams reclaimed the No. 1 position in the latest AP Pro32 poll. They received all 12 first-place votes and 384 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

The Rams (11-1), the NFC West champions, have the league's best record and are a strong contender to make a run at the Super Bowl.

The New Orleans Saints slipped to No. 2 after losing in Dallas last week.

"Get revenge against Bucs?" asked Fox Sports' John Czarnecki. The Saints head to Tampa this week to face the Buccaneers, the only other team to beat New Orleans this season.

The Kansas City Chiefs stayed at No. 3 after beat-



Los Angeles Rams running back Todd Gurley (30) runs into the end zone for a 13-yard rushing touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions, Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018, in Detroit.

ing Oakland. The Chiefs, who at 10-2 have the AFC's best record, will attempt to reach the Super Bowl without the NFL's reigning rushing champion. The Chiefs

released running back Kareem Hunt on Friday after TMZ posted a video of him shoving and kicking a woman in a Cleveland hotel in February.

Also staying in place were the New England Patriots at No. 4. The Patriots are closing in on their nearly annual AFC East title as they head to Miami to face the Dol-

phins on Sunday.

The league's hottest team, the Houston Texans, moved up two spots to climb into the top five. The Texans beat Cleveland last week for their ninth win a row.

Another team playing well, the Los Angeles Chargers, kept their spot at No. 6 after a second-half rally on the road to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 33-30. The Chargers have won eight of nine and will have an easier matchup on Sunday as they host the reeling Cincinnati Bengals.

"The Chargers proved they are a different team than in years past with a come-from-behind win in Pittsburgh," said Jenny Vrentas of The Monday Morning Quarterback. "Anthony Lynn is a Coach of the Year candidate."

The Steelers stayed at No. 8 and will face Oakland on Sunday without running back James Conner, who has a sprained left ankle. □

RAHM

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If his tears that Sunday at Le Golf National didn't show that, Rahm spoke for just over 4 minutes and used 638 words to explain. His year ended with Woods presenting him the trophy from the Hero World Challenge, but really that was the start of his story. As they looked at the trophy, where Woods' name first shows up in 2001, Rahm said Woods asked, "How old were you?" Rahm was 7.

"I saw him win a great deal of events, grew up with a dream of someday beating him, and to do it on the Sunday or a Ryder Cup ... it was extremely special," he said.

Seve Ballesteros inspired him, and still does. Woods motivated the 24-year-old Spaniard, as he did for so many other young players from Rahm's generation. He studied Woods, including a recent documentary for the British Open that helped on Sunday at Albany.

"He said once he got in the lead, his goal was to never go back to the field, to

have the field catch him," Rahm said.

That wasn't the only film Rahm has watched.

He says he probably has seen every video on Woods and Ballesteros that can be found on the internet. And that's probably how his fiancée learned the game.

"She had no idea about golf, and I would just get the laptop and make her watch all the highlights of Tiger," Rahm said. "I've seen Tiger's final round at Pebble in 2000 about 150 times."

And that brings him to Saturday night outside Paris.

Europe had a 10-6 lead with Rahm contributing a point in his first Ryder Cup.

"Kind of felt like I was letting the team down," he said. Rahm knew he would be in the No. 4 spot for Europe, and then the U.S. lineup was revealed. He was expecting to see Woods toward the back because that's where he had been the last two times he played, at No. 8 in Wales and No. 12 at Medinah.

This time, Woods was at No. 4 against Rahm. "I'm like, 'Great.' To me, the greatest golfer of all time



In this Sept. 30, 2018, file photo, Europe's Jon Rahm, right, is congratulated by Tiger Woods during the trophy ceremony after the European team won the 2018 Ryder Cup golf tournament at Le Golf National in Saint Quentin-en-Yvelines, outside Paris, France.

Associated Press

that I've been able to see, he just won at East Lake, he's 0-3, I was 0-2. I'm like, 'He really wants to win this, for sure, and I'm not playing my best.' So that was my first train of thought," Rahm said.

He spent time that night and the next morning talking to his mental coach, European captain Thomas Bjorn and Tommy Fleetwood, who had experience playing Woods, including all three of Woods' losses that week. He thought about a strategy, which turned out to be the easy part. Woods doesn't

make a lot of mistakes, so the Ryder Cup rookie better be close to flawless.

The gallery was the largest on the course, and not because Rahm was playing. Turns out it was Woods who made the mistakes, with bogeys on the 13th and 14th holes to fall 2 down. Rahm missed a short putt on the 16th hole, giving him a 1-up lead with two to play. He responded with a shot into 5 feet on the 17th and a chance to close out his golfing idol.

Rahm never lacks for emotions, and by now they were raging.

His grandfather died on the Sunday of the PGA Championship and was on his mind. As he settled over the putt, he heard a Spanish voice in the gallery yell, "Do it for Seve!" Rahm could picture both of them watching and thought to himself, "There's no way them two are going to allow me to miss the putt." He dropped his putter and lost his mind when the putt went in.

"It's all that feeling, right?" Rahm said. "I tried to stay as balanced as possible, I never got mad, even after missing the putt on 16. Making the putt to beat Tiger Woods, my all-time hero ... man, it was hard." He was screaming and hugging and forgot for a moment that Woods had walked across the green to congratulate him.

"He came to me with a smile," Rahm said. "He said, 'Man, don't even worry, you played great.' And I started crying in front of Tiger. It was such an emotional moment."

That's how much it meant to him, because that's how much Woods means to him. □

Wilder hoping for a rematch with Fury 'ASAP'

By JOHN ZENOR
AP Sports Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — WBC heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder says he wants a rematch with Tyson Fury "ASAP."

Wilder said in a conference call Tuesday that he's "ready and willing to give Tyson Fury the opportunity ASAP." The two heavyweights fought to a split-decision draw Saturday night in Los Angeles in one of the bigger heavyweight bouts in America in years.

"I'm ready whenever he's ready," Wilder said. "I'm ready whenever he's ready to do it. I'm ready to give the fans what they want to see and end this talk once and for all."

Afterward, the British challenger said the two would "100 percent" meet again in the ring. Wilder said he doesn't want to fight anybody else before a rematch.

"Everyone is talking about this fight. It's only right for us to go back in and do it again," Wilder said. "I don't want any other fights to happen between him and I (meeting again)."

Wilder (40-0-1) knocked Fury (27-0-1) down twice late in the fight, including once in the final round. He was outboxed much of the way at Staples Center but

was still surprised when Fury rose from that 12th-round knockdown — and that the referee didn't end the fight. "I saw his eyes roll slowly in the back of his head," Wilder said. "Many people felt that should have been waved off. Nine out of 10 refs would have waved that off."

He indicated the rematch might happen as early as March or April.

Showtime Sports President Stephen Espinoza said May or June might be more likely, giving the fighters more time to recover.

In the first meeting, Wilder said he let the pressure of being in his first pay-per-view fight affect him.

"I wanted to end it on a great note," he said. "I wanted to end it on a devastating knockout and I pressed that. I pressed that too much."

Wilder had lobbied for a fight with Anthony Joshua, who holds the other three championship belts.

He said Joshua and his team are "getting what they deserve" by being sidelined from his two most high-profile potential opponents.

"We had to show the world what it looks like for the best to fight the best, and look at the outcome," Wilder said. □

AP sources: Corbin, Nats agree on \$140M, 6-year contract

By HOWARD FENDRICH

WASHINGTON (AP) — Add Patrick Corbin to the All-Star starting staff the Washington Nationals have assembled.

A person familiar with the deal said the left-handed Corbin has agreed to a six-year contract with the Nationals, pending a physical exam. Another person familiar with the terms said the contract is for \$140 million.

The people confirmed the details of the agreement to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday because nothing had been announced by the team.

Corbin's contract would include \$10 million in deferred money, one of the people said.

Corbin, who has played his entire major league career for the Arizona Diamondbacks, joins a rotation in Washington that already includes three-time Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer and Stephen Strasburg. Corbin was an NL All-Star selection in 2013 and this year; Scherzer has been picked for each of the past six Midsummer Classics; Strasburg has made it three times.

The 29-year-old Corbin is coming off his best season in the majors, going 11-7 with a 3.15 ERA while pitching 200 innings for the second time in his career.

He finished fifth in voting



In this Sept. 22, 2018 file photo Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Patrick Corbin throws in the first inning during a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies in Phoenix.

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for NL Cy Young honors; Scherzer was second as he came up just shy of a third consecutive prize.

Corbin was considered the top starter available in an elite free-agent class and became the first player among them to sign a big money, multiyear deal this offseason.

Still on the market is right fielder Bryce Harper, the 2012 NL Rookie of the Year and 2015 NL MVP for the Nationals. Washington made a late-season offer to Harper in a bid to keep him, but that was not accepted.

Corbin recently made the rounds of free-agent suitors, including meeting with Nationals owner Mark Lerner and general manager Mike Rizzo.

The signing of Corbin — who had drawn interest from the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies,

among other clubs, and was expected to draw offers of at least \$20 million a year — could be a signal that the Nationals are moving on from Harper.

After going 82-80 and failing to make the playoffs after two NL East titles in a row, Washington has been busy this offseason.

In addition to the agreement with Corbin, the Nationals already have added two catchers — Yan Gomes via trade, Kurt Suzuki in free agency — and two back-end-of-the-bullpen relievers — Kyle Barraclough via trade, Trevor Rosenthal in free agency.

Because Corbin declined a \$17.9 million qualifying offer by Arizona, Washington would forfeit its first-round pick in next June's amateur draft, No. 17 overall, and Arizona would gain an extra pick after the first round as compensation. □

World Series champ Red Sox accept invitation to White House

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox have accepted an invitation to the White House to celebrate their World Series championship.

"We've accepted and we're going to see if there's a date that works," team President Sam Kennedy said Monday night before the premiere of the ballclub's 2018 highlight video. Once a standard, non-

partisan perk of winning it all, the traditional champions' visit to Washington has become more politicized. Some teams have declined invitations from President Donald Trump; in other cases, individual players stayed home.

Kennedy says it's up to players to decide whether they want to attend.

"Like in the past, it's an invitation. It's not a mandatory, command performance," he said. "It's an



Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora smiles as he walks the red carpet prior to the premiere of "The 2018 World Series: Damage Done," documentary production that captures video moments of the Red Sox's march towards the 2018 World Series Championship, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.

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opportunity for these guys to get the recognition they deserve for a world championship."

Manager Alex Cora said he'll be there.

A native of Puerto Rico, Cora has been vocal in his call for the president to do more in the wake of Hurricane Maria that devastated the island.

"I'm going to use my platform the right way," he said. "I'm not going there to embarrass anybody." □



By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The Holidays are upon us and for many of us that means parties with lots of alcohol. Drinking alcohol in moderation can be fun and sociable, but, is alcohol healthy?

A Danish study found that "Wine drinkers had significantly lower mortality from both coronary heart disease and cancer than did non-wine drinkers." Beer and other alcohol drinkers enjoyed a smaller benefit.

This is good news for some; drinking with the doctor's permission! But wait; if you are not a drinker or suffer from liver disease, gastritis, or high blood pressure, it's not a good idea to start drinking alcohol for the health benefits. However, if you enjoy an occasional drink and are otherwise healthy, go back and read the first paragraph. Drinking "in moderation" is the key. The benefits are only effective when keeping to the recommended levels. To work the right way, alcohol intake should be spread over the whole week and binge sessions, like at a party should be avoided.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), moderate is defined as 2 drinks a day if you're a male 65 and younger, or 1 drink a day if you're a female or a male 66 and older. 1 drink means 12 oz of beer, 4 oz of wine, 1.5 oz of 80-proof hard liquor, or 1 oz of 100-proof liquor. Unfortunately, for many having a good time

means doing everything to excess which includes overindulgence in alcohol consumption and the ensuing effect of a hangover. A hangover is the result of a combination of alcohol toxicity, dehydration, and Vitamin A, B and C depletion all caused by alcohol metabolism on your system. The symptoms are usually a dry mouth, nausea, fatigue; dizziness and headache.

Over the years there have been many folk remedies for hangovers. Some of these "cures" come with the toast "The hair of the dog that bit me"! The homeopathic principle of "like cures like" advice given literally in ancient times, "If a dog bites you, put a hair of the dog into the wound" this was distorted to imply that drinking more alcohol would help your hangover.

Apart from the obvious effects, during a hangover you are suffering the effects of a mild overdose of a depressant drug, your nerves are reacting and you have also flushed vitamins and nutrients from your system causing a shock that your body is struggling to fix. This is why hangover symptoms often include disorientation and "the jitters".

Alcohol enters cells and is broken down into a toxin. Your liver converts this toxin into ammonia and acetic acid, which is non-toxic and can be used by your body for energy. By the way, the other name for acetic acid is vinegar! In a hangover ammonia is metabolized in the brain which has only a limited capacity to remove the excess ammonia coming in.

For those of you really partying to overload who include cocaine the news gets worse. Alcohol and cocaine form a product in your body called cocaethylene. Abusers know that higher alcohol concentrations lead to higher blood cocaine levels. However, high levels of alcohol slow down cocaine metabolism. This slow down may explain why users feel an enhanced euphoria when using the drugs in combination. Regrettably, the risk a sudden death from a heart attack is greatly increased.

So what is a partygoer to do? The best advice is to drink alcohol IN MODERATION avoiding binge drinking, and take red wine in preference to other alcoholic drinks. It's not necessary to have an alcoholic beverage in hand during an entire party. We enjoy sparkling water with a

lime between glasses of red wine when socializing. Always eat something either before or while you are drinking. If you have drunk large quantities of alcohol, drink plenty of water afterwards. This will counteract dehydration. Rather than drink coffee the morning after a drinking session, a breakfast consisting of complex carbohydrates, a whole grain cereal right for your metabolic type, a glass of fresh fruit juice and a cup of green tea should bring your blood sugar level up to an acceptable level and help to rehydrate your body.

What not to do! Do not drink alcohol to try to neutralize your hangover. Bloody Mary's only make you progressively more useless as you drink more of them and slow down the healing process of your body. Do not waste your time with aspirin that will destroy your liver if combined with alcohol. Aspirin can cause sudden death at any time. So prevalent is death by aspirin that in the US that many aspirin induced deaths are listed on "cause" as "natural". Alcohol damages the liver; and aspirin damages the liver; but if you mix the two, the damage is much worse.

The most important natural supplement for a hangover is mineral water that helps rehydrate your body. Natural supplements that help neutralize alcohol byproducts and protect cells against the damaging effects of alcohol include vitamin C, B Complex, folic Acid, the amino acids SAME and glutathione, vitamin E, and selenium. We like to take extra vitamin C & B complex with a liter/qt of water before an evening of festivities. If more help is needed, we provide colon-hydro therapy in our clinic which can help flush out toxins and re-hydrate the body quickly.

Get The Point! The Holidays should be spent reconnecting with family and friends in a festive exchange. In ancient times, putting "the hair of the dog that bit you into the wound" did not help prevent infection. Nothing is said about the dog biting you twice as you try to get some of its hair; which is what will happen if you try to cure your hangover with more alcohol. If the festivities have come back to bite you, or you are just looking for healthy ways to celebrate, we are open throughout the season to help you. Salud, Santé, Cheers, To Your Health! ☐

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Millennial money: How to get credit when you have none

By MELISSA LAMBARENA
Associated Press

Trying to get your first credit card can be as frustrating as trying to land your first job. Employers want experience, but you can't get experience unless someone hires you. Similarly, a credit card is the quickest way to build a good credit history, but without a good credit history it's hard to get a credit card.

That catch-22 has been tripping up applicants since the Credit Card Act of 2009, which tightened lending standards, making it especially difficult for young people to qualify for credit cards on their own. That's left would-be applicants with less-than-ideal options: Put down a deposit for a secured credit card, piggyback on someone else's good credit as an authorized user, or delay credit building entirely.

This has created an opportunity for startup credit card companies that look beyond credit scores when considering applications. These companies use alternative methods to gauge an applicant's risk and offer



This Nov. 29, 2018, file photo shows credit card logos posted on a store's door in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

cards that don't require a security deposit.

HOW STARTUPS EVALUATE APPLICANTS

Among them is Deserve, which began offering cards in 2017. The company has three cards: the Deserve Classic for people new to credit, the Deserve Edu for students and the Deserve Pro for people with limited credit. More startups have

followed with their own cards for people new or newer to credit, including Petal and AvantCard.

These companies have their own underwriting standards to evaluate applicants' creditworthiness based on factors such as income, expenses, assets, debts and banking information. Depending on the company, you may have

to provide access to your bank account.

"The way you use a debit card or bank account is highly indicative of how you will use a credit card," says Kalpesh Kapadia, CEO and founder of Deserve.

Cards offered by such companies are an alternative to secured credit cards, which require a cash security deposit that's

refunded when you close or upgrade the card. Your credit limit on a secured card will usually be equal to your deposit. The unsecured cards from alternative companies may offer credit limits with more give, if you can qualify.

Startup credit card companies are still evolving, so you may encounter difficulties that you're less likely to see with cards from major issuers. There may not be a mobile app to manage your account, for example, or you may encounter technical issues or delays.

"We are building and improving our product as fast as possible and working on it every single day," says Jason Gross, co-founder and CEO of Petal.

On the other hand, startups are experimenting with features that traditional issuers generally don't offer. For example, the Petal app and website show the interest you'll owe in dollar amounts, so you know the true cost of not paying your bill in full. Deserve waives the usual Social Security number requirement for international students. □

Banks lead stocks lower, erasing some of prior day's gains

By ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

U.S. stocks declined in morning trading Tuesday, giving up much of the market's gain from a day earlier. Losses in banks, technology stocks and industrial companies outweighed gains elsewhere in the market. Homebuilders slumped on renewed concerns that the outlook for home sales is dimming. Smaller-company stocks fell more than the rest of the market. Bond prices rose, sending yields sharply lower.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index fell 18 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,771 as of 11:12 a.m. Eastern Time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 171 points, or 0.7 percent, to 25,655. The Nasdaq composite lost

54 points, or 0.7 percent, to 7,387. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gave up 18 points, or 1.2 percent, to 1,530.

U.S. stock markets will be closed Wednesday in observance of a national day of mourning for former President George H.W. Bush.

TECH TUMBLE: Several chipmakers were among the biggest decliners in a technology sector slide. Advanced Micro Devices dropped 3.6 percent to \$22.86, while Micron Technology lost 4.1 percent to \$38.38. **HOUSING HICCUP:** Homebuilders traded lower after luxury homebuilder Toll Brothers issued a cautious assessment of the housing market. Toll's shares were flat at \$33.55, recovering from a morning sell-

off. Hovnanian Enterprises led most builders lower, giving up 3.3 percent to \$1.18.

TAKING A BITE: Apple fell 1.8 percent to \$181.44 after the consumer electronics giant was downgraded by HSBC analysts, citing the possibility that iPhone volume and value growth may moderate due to a saturated mobile phone market.

DISAPPOINTING DOLLAR: Discount retail chain Dollar General slid 4.6 percent to \$106.61 after the company reported weak quarterly results. **REVVED UP:** AutoZone climbed 6.4 percent to \$877.22 after the auto parts retailer delivered third-quarter earnings that exceeded analysts' forecasts. □



In this Nov. 28, 2018, file photo trader Michael Milano works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

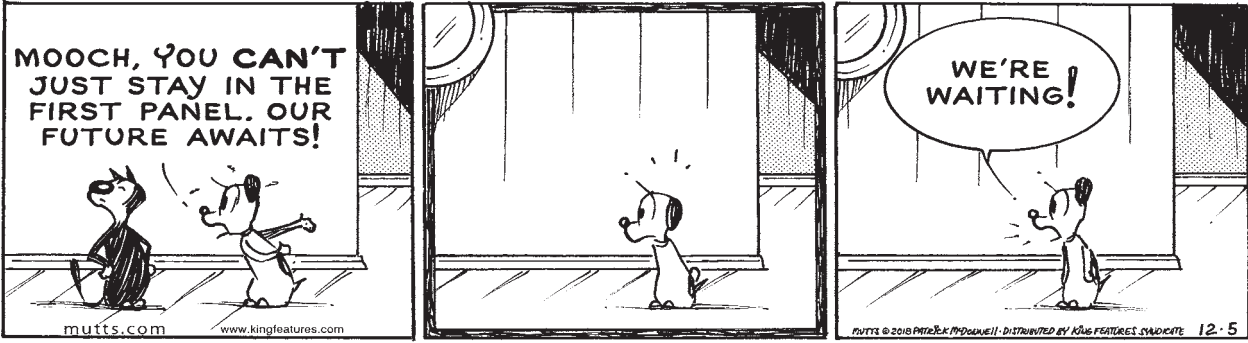
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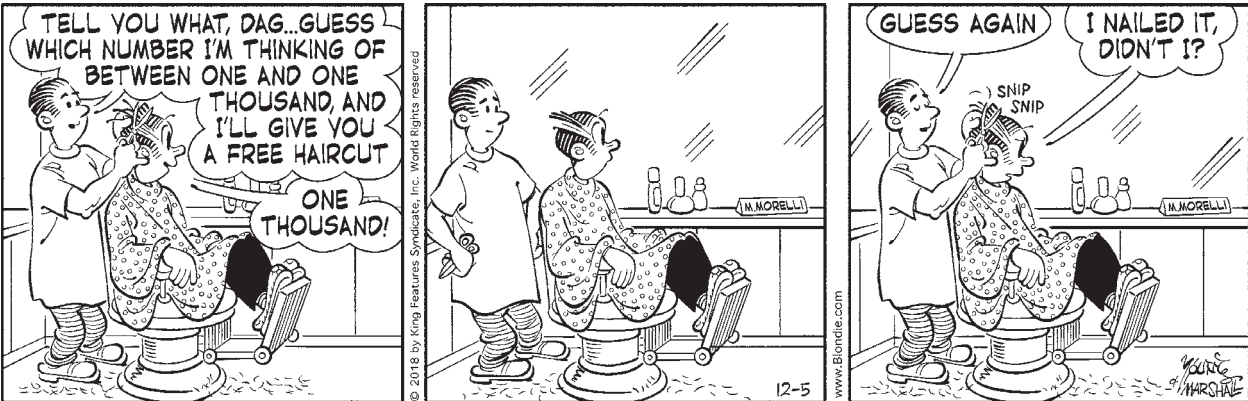
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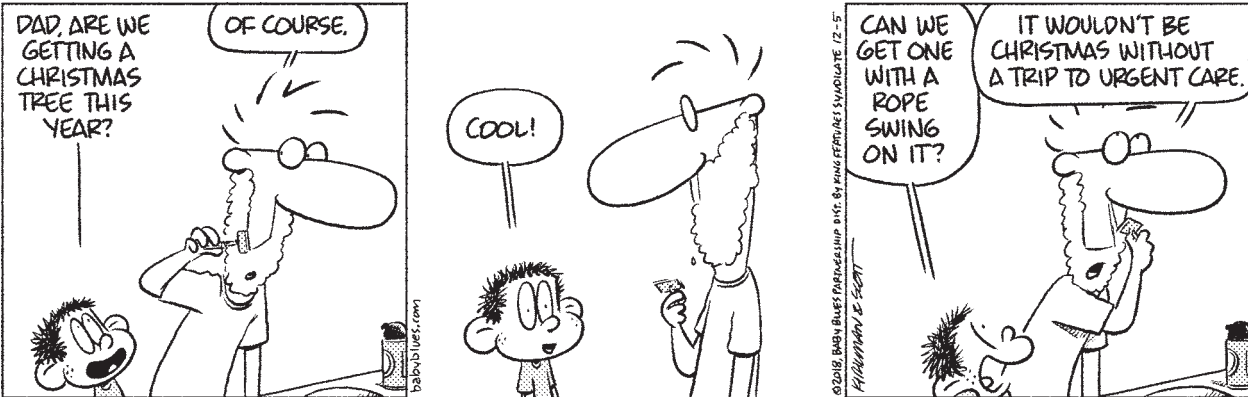
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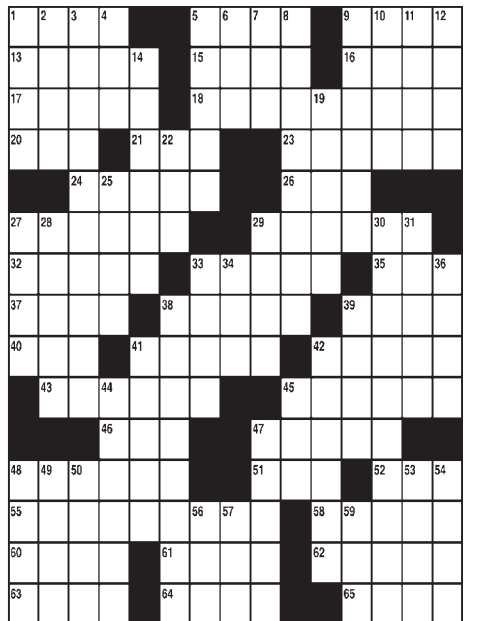
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

2	5	4	8	7	9	6	1	3
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6	7	9	1	4	8	3	2	5
8	2	1	5	3	7	9	6	4
3	4	5	9	2	6	7	8	1
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4	6	8	2	9	1	5	3	7
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- European range
- Cookware
- Clerical error
- Concerns
- Elevator
- Stack
- "Trick or ___!"
- Make less severe
- Houston or Elliott
- Boxing great
- Beatty or Buffett
- Carrying a gun
- Jolson & Roker
- Leftover bits
- Cruel; barbarous
- Word following potato or chocolate
- Babble
- Bee's follower
- Martial __; judo, karate, etc.
- Harness straps
- Hee-haw
- Ms. Farrow
- Daytime serials
- Piece of garlic
- Inclines
- Felt about blindly
- Cry from the flock
- Material to be kneaded
- Sudden
- FedEx rival
- Cereal grain
- Two-cup item
- Piece of furniture
- "Penny __", Beatles song
- Tack
- __ down; loses weight
- Breakfast order
- Periodontist's focus
- Final



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Play divisions
- Dr. Zhivago's love
- Occurring before the wedding
- Yellow, Red, Black or Dead
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- Personal web page
- Clothing fasteners
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Planet Earth working on 3 Mars landers to follow InSight

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP) — As Mars' newest resident settles in, Planet Earth is working on three more landers and at least two orbiters to join the scientific Martian brigade.

NASA's InSight spacecraft touched down on the sweeping, red equatorial plains Monday, less than 400 miles (640 kilometers) from Curiosity, the only other working robot on Mars.

That's about the distance from San Francisco to Pasadena, California, home to Mission Control for Mars.

InSight — the eighth successful Martian lander — should be wrapping up two years of digging and quake monitoring by the time rovers arrive from the U.S., Europe and China.

NASA's Mars 2020 will hunt for rocks that might hold evidence of ancient microbial life and stash them in a safe place for return to Earth in the early 2030s. It's targeting a once-wet river delta in Jezero Crater.

The European-Russian ExoMars also will sniff out possible past life, drilling a couple yards (meters) down for chemical fossils. A spacecraft that was part of an ExoMars mission in 2016



This undated artist rendering from the European Space Agency, shows the European-Russian ExoMars rover.

Associated Press

crash-landed on the red planet.

The Chinese Mars 2020 will feature both an orbiter and lander. The United Arab Emirates, meanwhile, aims to send its first spacecraft to Mars in 2020; the orbiter is named Hope, or Amal in Arabic.

It seems our neighbor Mars holds a siren song for Earthlings, even as NASA shifts its immediate attention back to our moon.

Just three days after InSight's landing, NASA announced a new commercial lunar delivery program. The space agency has chosen nine U.S. companies to compete in getting science and technology experiments to the lunar surface.

The first launch could be next year.

NASA wants to see how it goes before trying something similar on Mars.

"The moon is where it's at right now relative to commercial space," said Thomas Zurbuchen, head of NASA's science mission office, which is leading the lunar payload project.

At the same time, NASA is pushing for an orbiting outpost near the moon for astronauts, at the Trump administration's direction. It would serve as a stepping-off point for moon landings, according to NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, and provide critical experience close to home before humans embark on a two- to three-year mission to Mars. Bridenstine envisions a trip to Mars for astronauts in the mid-2030s, admittedly a "very aggressive" goal.

"The reality is, yes, your nation right now is extremely committed to getting to Mars," Bridenstine said following InSight's touchdown, "and using the moon as a

tool to achieve that objec-



This artist's rendering provided to China's Xinhua News Agency on Aug. 23, 2016 by the lunar probe and space project center of Chinese State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defense, shows a concept design for the Chinese Mars 2020 rover and lander.

tive as fast as possible."

Mars is the obvious place for "boots on the ground" after the moon, said Zurbuchen.

What makes Mars so compelling — for robotic and, eventually, human exploration — is its relatively easy access, said InSight's lead scientist, Bruce Banerdt of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. One-way travel time is six months, every two years when the planets are closest. Conditions are harsh, but relatively hospitable. "Kind of like being in Antarctica without the snow," said Banerdt.

On top of that, Mars may be one of the most likely places to find life outside of Earth, according to Ba-

nerdt.

Jupiter's moon Europa may have harbored or even still hold life, but it would take so much longer and cost so much more to get there that Banerdt said it's hard to imagine achieving such a mission anytime soon.

A life-seeking mission to Europa might come about every decade, Banerdt said, while it's plausible to have robotic sniffers launching to Mars every two years. That's five Mars missions for every single one at Europa, he noted.

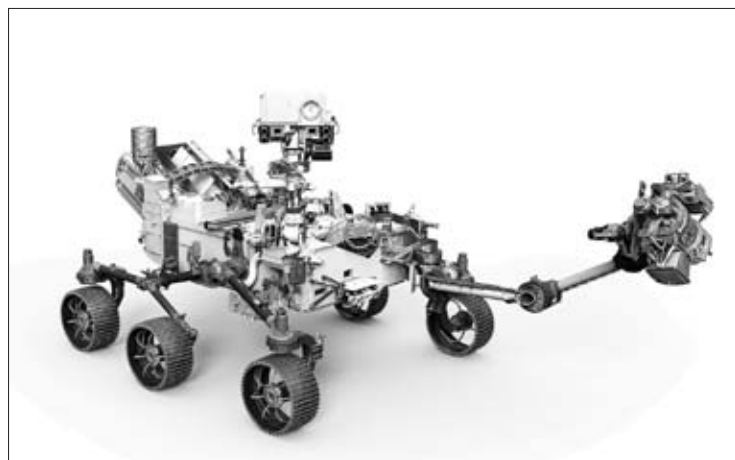
Mars currently has two functioning spacecraft on the surface — InSight and Curiosity — and six satellites in working order from the U.S., Europe and India. The U.S. is the only country to successfully land and operate a spacecraft on Mars. Curiosity has been roaming

the red surface since 2012. NASA's much older Opportunity rover was working until June when a global dust storm disabled it.

In pursuit of the geological but not biological secrets deep inside Mars, InSight already is providing astounding pictures of a location "no human has ever seen before," pointed out JPL director Michael Watkins. These photos remind us that in order to do science like this, "we have to be bold and we have to be explorers."

NASA's Mars 2020 launch window opens July 17 of that year. Touchdown would be Feb. 18, 2021.

"You're all invited back," Watkins told Monday's jubilant landing-day crowd. □



This artist's rendering from NASA depicts the Mars 2020 Rover. As Mars' newest resident settles in, Planet Earth is working on three more landers and at least two orbiters to join the scientific Martian brigade.

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In 'Seduction,' Howard Hughes' Hollywood no haven for women

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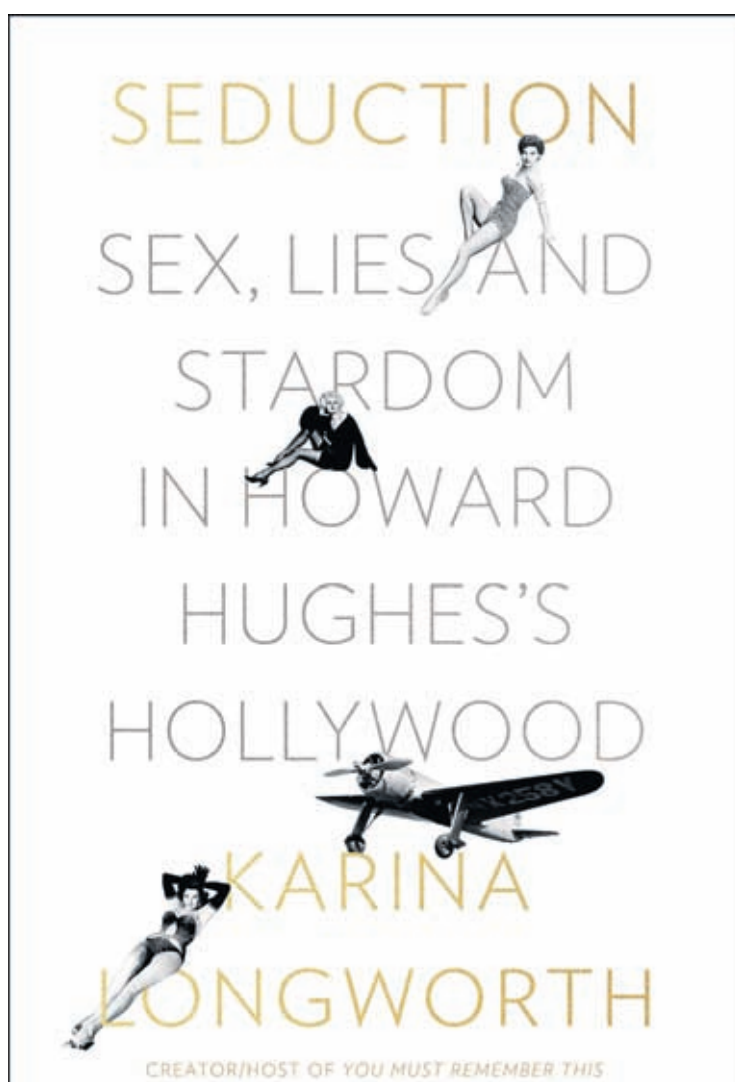
"Seduction: Sex, Lies, and Stardom in Howard Hughes's Hollywood" (Custom House), by Karina Longworth

Hollywood history for the #MeToo movement, Karina Longworth's "Seduction" is an astute and entertaining takedown of the movie industry, the press and the multimillionaire turned wannabe filmmaker Howard Hughes. Hardly anyone emerges from the pages of "Seduction" unblemished by selfishness and greed once they are touched by the movie business and its promise of wealth, power and fame.

If that promise was kept, it was mainly for the benefit of men even though, as Longworth writes, women were integral to the rise of the movies. Her book recounts what happened to some of the many, many women who fell into the orbit of Hughes, for better and often for worse.

Howard Hughes is remembered today, more than four decades after his death, as a weirdly eccentric, incredibly wealthy man living in seclusion in the penthouse of a Las Vegas hotel. Or as the odd-ball character Leonardo DiCaprio played in 2004's "The Aviator." But for many years, mainly in the 1930s and 1940s, the press presented Hughes as a handsome if shy heir to an oil industry fortune, a creative maverick behind the camera, or an innovative and daring aviator — at times all three. The mental illness that appeared to gain on him as the years went by was hidden or downplayed as quirkiness.

The better story for readers and listeners in those years of economic depression and war was how practically every beautiful young actress was on Hughes' arm



This cover image released by Custom House shows "Seduction: Sex, Lies and Stardom in Howard Hughes's Hollywood," by Karina Longworth.

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at one time or another. That was certainly the image he sought to convey — and the public ate it up with the help of his publicists and a lazy, compliant and sometimes paid-off news media. In his day Hughes didn't have to point and shout "fake news!" because he was too busy manufacturing it.

The women seduced by Hughes apparently bought the ballyhoo. After all, the only two movies he directed, "Hell's Angels" and "The Outlaw," were troubled productions, scorned by many critics and challenged to return their over-the-top costs even with good ticket sales. Most of the two dozen others that he had a hand in producing also showed poor judgment and over-

sight. Exceptions like 1932's gangster classic "Scarface" are outweighed by numerous embarrassments on the order of "The Conqueror" (1956), which famously miscast John Wayne as a young Genghis Khan.

As Longworth makes clear, Hughes and so many other men in filmmaking used their clout to seduce women who wanted to make movies, too. Untold numbers of actresses were sold the idea that they, too, could become stars, an unrealistic expectation fostered by the press as well as the movie industry.

Hughes, who sought to control every aspect of his life, habitually put young actresses under personal contract with the promise of a shot at stardom. In some cases he promised marriage, even proposing to one woman while engaged to another and nightclubbing with a third. Whether they were already engaged or even married didn't matter. His penchant for brunettes — Ava Gardner, Jane Russell, Yvonne De Carlo, Linda Darnell,

Faith Domergue and Jean Peters, among others — could have stymied a witness at a police lineup. He did manage to find time for Jean Harlow, Marilyn Monroe and other blondes.

Soon enough, the women discovered there might not be more to a Hughes contract than a paycheck. Some never even met him. Often, he didn't allow a "discovery" to work for years. Domergue, for example, was under contract to Hughes for seven years and appeared in just two films. Escaping him could require emotional stamina and no small amount of court action.

The mind games and sex games that permeated Hughes' movie career help make "Seduction" an engaging read. But don't let that overshadow Longworth's real focus — not so much Hughes but what it was like to be a woman in Hollywood back then. The women were pretty, the times were not. And whether that much has changed for them remains debatable. □



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Julia Roberts is unforgettable in 'Ben is Back'

By JOCELYN NOVECK

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In one of Julia Roberts' many heartbreaking scenes in "Ben is Back" — and they're pretty much all heartbreaking — she lays down the law to her 19-year-old son, a recovering drug addict who's shown up unexpectedly for Christmas.

"You have one day," Holly tells Ben with all the authority she can muster. She'll be on him like a hawk, she says. She'll even sleep on his floor. "For 24 hours, you're mine, all mine," she concludes. "Got it?"

And there's the heartbreaking part — what Holly has to know deep down, and what Ben surely does despite his obedient nods, is that he will never be hers, all hers. It doesn't work that way. She can be the toughest and fiercest and most loving mother on the planet, but she can't save her son from himself — not for long, anyway.

Need the Kleenex yet? This comes in the first few minutes of the film. Better bring a box.



This image released by Roadside Attractions shows Lucas Hedges, right, and Julia Roberts in a scene from "Ben is Back."

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"Ben is Back," written and directed by Peter Hedges and starring his son, Lucas Hedges, is one of two recent films on teen addiction starring the most talented young actors of the moment ("Beautiful Boy" starred Timothee Chalamet.) Hedges is as excellent

as he was in "Manchester By the Sea," but it's fair to say the movie belongs to Roberts. It's a career peak, and a performance that deserves to be seen no matter how crowded your holiday moviegoing schedule. Director Hedges has said he wrote the film to explore a scourge —

opioid addiction — that's afflicted his very own family. If there's a key message here, it's that youth addiction can wreak havoc on any family, regardless of class, race, geography or anything else. Here it's leafy, upper-middle class Westchester County, but it could be Anywhere, USA.

We begin on a snowy Christmas Eve morning. Arriving home from church choir rehearsal, Holly and her three other children — a teen daughter and two youngsters — encounter Ben standing in the driveway, in an unplanned visit from his sober living facility. Holly is thrilled — and scared. Watch Roberts fight dread with forced optimism as she chirps to her husband, Neal (Courtney B. Vance): "He's got the sparkle back! He's clearly doing better." All the while, she's hurriedly emptying medicine cabinets.

Neal objects but then relents; it's Christmas. At first, things go well. But a trip to the local mall sets off trouble. People from Ben's former life — he was a dealer, not simply a user — start to learn he's back. During a peaceful evening at church, someone ransacks the family home and steals their beloved dog.

Guilt-ridden, Ben leaves; Holly hunts him down. Together, she insists, they will find whoever meant him harm, and do what it takes

'Broken Ground' gives new insight to Scotland's role in war

By OLIVE H. COGDILL

Associated Press

"Broken Ground" (Atlantic Monthly Press), by Val McDermidThe past is always in the present for Edinburgh

Detective Chief Inspector Karen Pirie, making her fifth appearance in Val McDermid's expertly plotted "Broken Ground." As head of the Historic Cases Unit — that would be cold cases in the United States — Karen is used to investigations that aren't just old but also give a glimpse of life in the past. As a result, the Karen Pirie novels turn the spotlight on bits of forgotten history. "Broken Ground" has its roots in World War II in the Scottish Highlands. In 1944, soldiers pulling out of their encampment were told to either burn or bury their equipment as it would be too costly to salvage anything. But two soldiers couldn't bear to destroy the pair of valuable American motorcycles that had just arrived, so they buried

them in protective boxes in the peat bog, planning to return one day for their treasure. They never got the chance, but now one soldier's granddaughter, Alice Somerville, and her husband, Will, have come to claim their inheritance.

The peat bog protects anything buried in it, including the perfectly preserved body of a murdered professional athlete whose body is found along with the motorcycles. But this was a more modern crime as it is quickly determined that the man disappeared in 1995, based on his expensive limited-edition shoes. As Karen delves into the decades-old tragedy, she also is drawn into a woman's domestic violence situation that seems to be on the verge of escalating. □



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Mighty Mouse has come to save the Met

By RONALD BLUM
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NEW YORK (AP) — Mighty Mouse has come to save the Met.

Yannick Nezet-Seguin conducts his first performance as just the third music director in the Metropolitan Opera's 135-year-old history when he mounts the podium of the financially challenged company Tuesday night in a new production of Verdi's "La Traviata" by Tony Award-winning director Michael Mayer.

Some in the Met orchestra have taken to calling the 5-foot-6-inch Montreal native by the affectionate anthropomorphic nickname first bestowed by mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato. "It has to do with the incredible amount of energy and super-heroic disposition, wrapped in a more compact package," she said in an email.

Rafael Kubelik lasted just six performances as the Met's first music director in 1973, quitting after clashes over casting. James Levine started a 40-year reign in 1976 that lasted more than 2,300 performances; he was pushed out two years ago following a decade of declining health and fired from his emeritus role last March after allegations of sexual misconduct the Met found to be credible.

The Met said in June 2016 that Nezet-Seguin would become music director for the 2020-21 season, then moved up the timetable last February.

"There's a boyish enthusiasm about him that's very sincere, and I think that that brings something different to the table," said Sylvia Danburg Volpe, associate principal second violin.

Nezet-Seguin, 43, represents a generational change from the 75-year-old Levine, a dynamo in his prime but confined to conducting from a motorized chair since 2013 due to back injuries, his left arm impaired by Parkinson's disease.

Clarinetist Jessica Phillips, chair of the Met's orchestra committee, felt "in the last 10 years we were left sort



This April 17, 2017 photo released by the Metropolitan Opera shows Yannick Nezet-Seguin during a rehearsal of Richard Wagner's "Der Fliegende Holländer" in New York.

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of rudderless" and "it was just kind of a slow, steady decline." She encouraged Nezet-Seguin to move up the start of his tenure.

A drawing of him by Emmanuelle Ayrton was commissioned by the orchestra, which along with Met general manager Peter Gelb toasted Nezet-Seguin with Champagne after a matinee of Wagner's "Parsifal" last winter.

"My impression is that there is a general state of euphoria around the house," Gelb said.

Because of his relative youth, Nezet-Seguin is more approachable and musicians are more relaxed.

"Jimmy was awe-inspiring and then like kind of terror-inspiring," Phillips said. "Not that he was a dictator, but if you hadn't worked with him for a long period of time, you would be terrified. He would just work and work and work, and either you grew or you became very worried about everything that you were doing because he would nitpick so much. I think Jimmy would only nitpick with the people he thought could grow from it."

Nezet-Seguin has been music director of the Orchestre Metropolitain in Montreal since 2000 and of

the Philadelphia Orchestra since the 2012-13 season. He was chief conductor of the Rotterdam Philharmonic from 2008-09 through last season.

He becomes Met music director at a time when ticket sales have stabilized at about 75 percent of capacity and 67 percent of available box office. Levine focused on Verdi, Wagner, Mozart and Strauss but broadened the repertory. Nezet-Seguin wants to widen it even more, increasing baroque operas in the 4,000-capacity house.

"I feel that the orchestra is confused, not only the orchestra, the house is confused at how to behave with the size of the auditorium," he said. "I hear a bit too much about, oh it's big here, therefore this and that and that. I understand the box office and the seats issue. That is easy. But acoustically I always found that here the size of voices, the volume of the voice, is not what reacts the best. What reacts best is actually the right resonance of the voice."

The Met hopes to present some stagings outside its home, subject to union agreements, including Missy Mazzoli's "Breaking the Waves" at the Brooklyn

Academy of Music in 2020. While Levine's interactions with students were concentrated to those on an elite track, Nezet-Seguin is opening the house to school groups. A class from Queens attended a "Traviata" orchestra rehearsal, and he answered questions after. A post-opera meet-and-greet is planned for the house's new south entrance space after the second "Traviata" performance on Dec. 7. His musical impact already has been significant.

"It's the first time that we had a conductor be able to tell the director what to do," Phillips said. "It's been the other way around for a very long time."

Nezet-Seguin is an urbanite without a driver's license, muscular and with a tattoo of a turtle holding a baton on his right shoulder. He has one assistant, Ben Spalter, plus his agency, Askonas Holt in London. Claudine Nezet, his mom, takes care to get his clothes and scores to the right city. His husband, Orchestre Metropolitain violist Pierre Tourville, tends to cats Rodolfo, Melisande and Rafa (named after Nadal) at home in Montreal but intends to move to the new two-bedroom apartment

— a 6-minute walk from the Met — cats Pelleas and Parsifal have passed on.

He got the orchestra's attention this fall when he mandated new parts for "Traviata" to replace ones that some players had marked up dating to the performances conducted by Carlos Kleiber in 1989. While Nezet-Seguin made his Met debut on New Year's Eve nine years ago in Bizet's "Carmen," the relationship changed with the shift from guest conductor to music director.

"Whenever somebody visits, they kind of treat you more like they've got you out on the first date. Now we're moving in together," Danburg Volpe said. "I can tell from what he says that he spent a lot of time in the house listening to us in other performances. And so he's kind of crafted a very specific version of how he wants things to read in the house. And so, yes, I think he wants us being richer. He does ask for vibrato a lot. He does want things a little bit longer."

Nezet-Seguin's plans include the first Met performances in French of Verdi's "Don Carlos" in three years and "Les vepres siciliennes (The Sicilian Vespers)" in the Stefan Herheim staging from Covent Garden. He will conduct the Met premiere of Jake Heggie's "Dead Man Walking with DiDonato in 2020-21, when he likely will lead six productions.

"I think he will bring with him his incredible enthusiasm and exuberance, wrapped in a huge desire to lift every performance to its utmost potential," DiDonato said. "He has a wonderful way of getting the artists around him to contribute and to participate in a way where all of us have a stake in the quality of what we are giving the audience. I also sense in him a total devotion to the craft — there is no ego to wade through, no self-serving agenda. This will win the hearts of the musicians, the patrons and the public." □

Many couples say 'I do' to Zero-Waste weddings

By KATHERINE ROTH
Associated Press

To protect the environment, many couples are saying "I do" to Zero-Waste weddings, focusing on sustainability for everything from floral design and dresses to invitations and food.

The goal is to recycle, reuse, compost and otherwise keep anything from becoming trash in a landfill. Whether or not couples succeed in reaching the Zero-Waste goal, "they're certainly more conscious of the ecological impact of what they do, and are aiming for something as close to that as possible," says Rachel Sylvester, lifestyle editor at Real Simple magazine.

The key to success, experts say, is letting wedding planners, vendors and your reception venue know from the start that you're serious about going Zero Waste. Then be flexible enough to facilitate that.

"Flexibility and creativity are essential," Sylvester says.

Bea Johnson, one of the pioneers of the Zero-Waste movement, says, "You'd be amazed at what you



this photo provided by Laetitia Drouet, of France-based Kamelion Couture, shows a wedding dress created by her which was inspired by the Bea Johnson book "Zero Waste Home."

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can find second-hand if you're open-minded and really look around." Her Zero Waste Home blog features a "bulk finder" tab that helps locate businesses selling food, drinks and other items free of plastic packaging.

Focusing on quality instead of quantity also helps, Johnson says: "The smaller the party, the easier it is to

make it truly Zero Waste." Her own Zero-Waste wedding was on a yacht, so space constraints limited the guest list to 40.

Kathryn Kellogg, who wrote extensively about her Zero-Waste wedding on her Going Zero Waste blog, hosted a reception for 60 people on a shoe-string budget of \$200 for everything. She bought bedsheets from a thrift shop to use as tablecloths, and borrowed dishes, tables and seating from friends and family.

"We were on a tight budget, so we were married at city hall with our closest family there, had a separate reception for about 60 people, and decided to save most of our money for a really great honeymoon in Maine," she says.

"Honestly, the hardest part was convincing our families to go along with it all. My biggest tip is not to stress things, and to balance expectations with reality. Ours may not have been the perfect Pinterest wedding, but that didn't make it less fun or meaningful."

Some Zero-Waste wedding tips:

FOOD AND DECOR

Choose cloth napkins, and authentic tableware, glassware and plates, rather than disposables.

der, and served pulled pork and pulled jackfruit for the main dishes," Kellogg says.

She and Johnson both recommend colorful displays of fruits, vegetables or even flower petals as table centerpieces that guests can take home and enjoy.

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"Instead of traditional wedding gifts, we asked guests to each bring a side dish or something to drink, and contribute to our honeymoon fund," Kellogg says. Other couples ask for donations to their favorite charity, or contributions toward a goal, such as a down payment on a house.

INVITATIONS

"For my wedding invitations, I bought card stock and painted a design on the front, but these days I'd say paperlesspost.com or another e-mail option would be the best Zero-Waste option," says Johnson.

If you're set on paper though, "go for recycled paper with vegetable ink," says Sylvester. Some papers are embedded with seeds, so guests can even soak the invitation in water and then plant it. □



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